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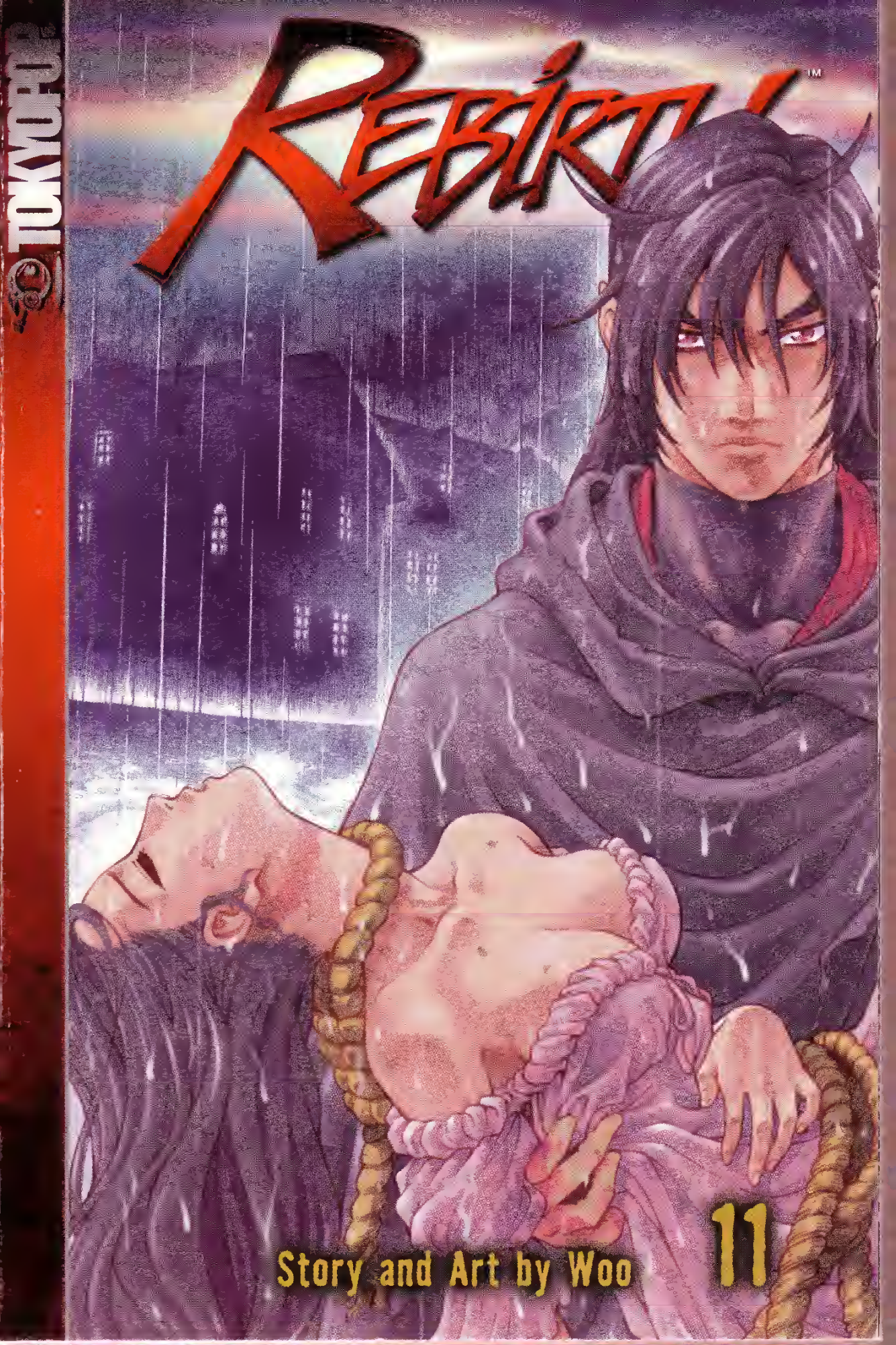
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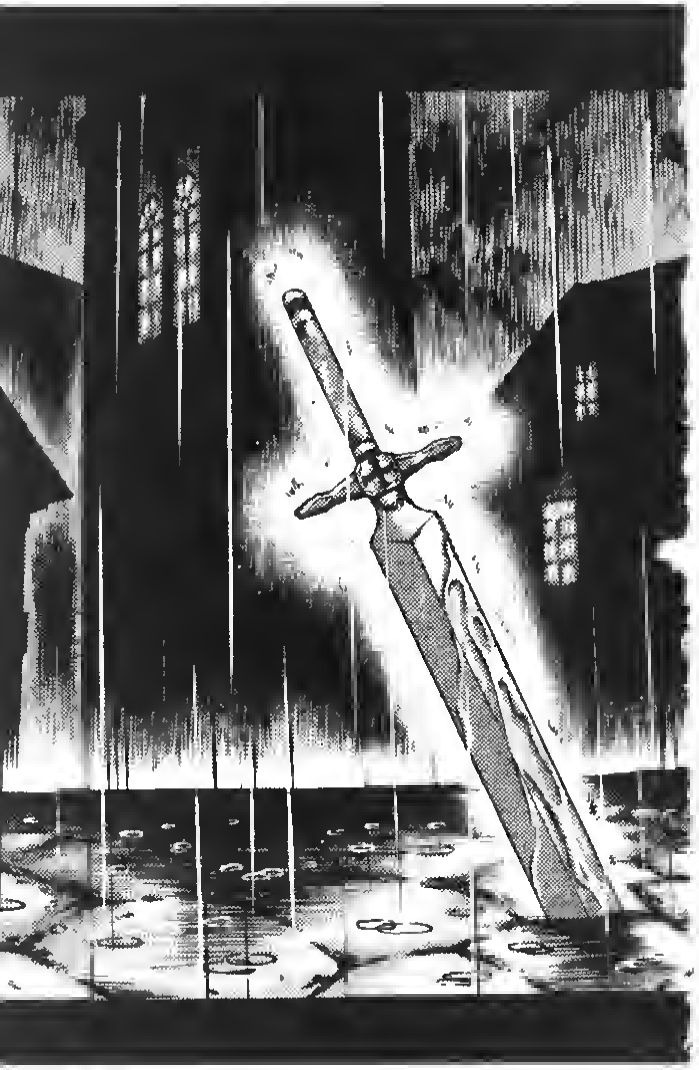

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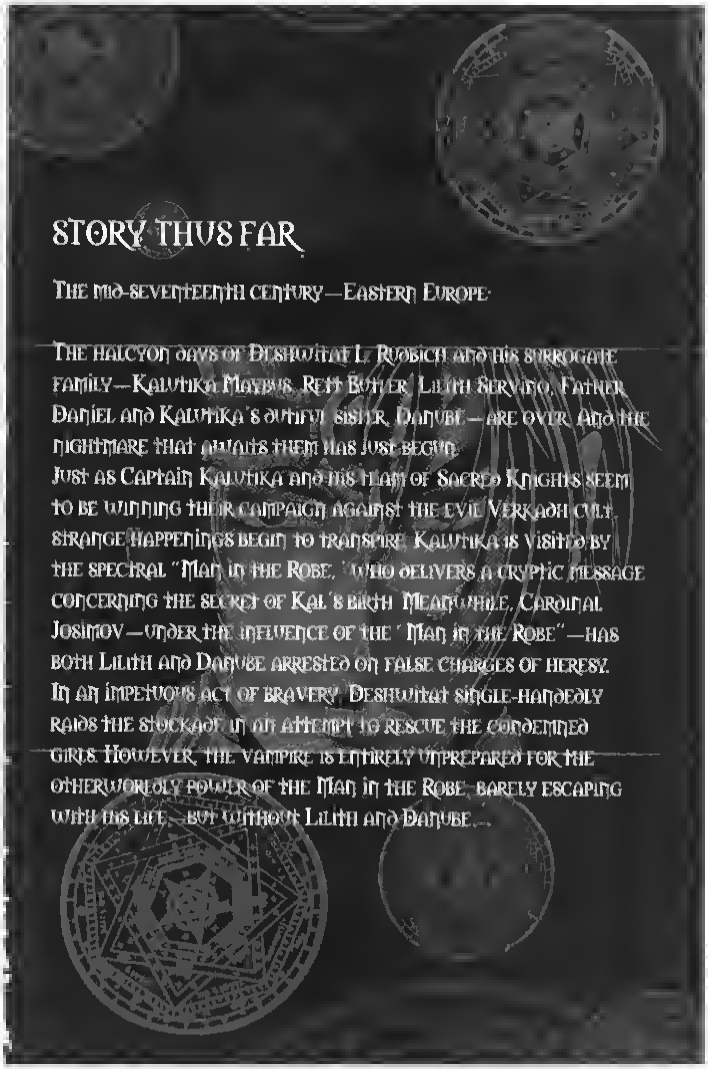

STORY THUS FAR

THE MID-SEVENTEENTH CENTURY—EASTERN EUROPE.

THE HALCYON DAYS OF DESHOUTAI L. ROUBICH AND HIS SURROGATE FAMILY—KALUTIKA MAVROS, REIT BUTLER, LILITH SERVADO, FATHER DANIEL AND KALUTIKA'S DUTIFUL SISTER, DANUBE—ARE OVER. AND THE NIGHTMARE THAT AWAITS THEM HAS JUST BEGUN.

JUST AS CAPTAIN KALUTIKA AND HIS TEAM OF SACRED KNIGHTS SEEM TO BE WINNING THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE EVIL VERKADI CULT, STRANGE HAPPENINGS BEGIN TO TRANSPIRE. KALUTIKA IS VISITED BY THE SPECTRAL "MAN IN THE ROBE," WHO DELIVERS A CRYPTIC MESSAGE CONCERNING THE SECRET OF KAL'S BIRTH. MEANWHILE, CARDINAL JOSIMOV—UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE "MAN IN THE ROBE"—HAS BOTH LILITH AND DANUBE ARRESTED ON FALSE CHARGES OF HERESY.

IN AN IMPETUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY, DESHOUTAI SINGLE-HANDEDLY RAIDS THE STOCKADE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE CONDEMNED GIRLS. HOWEVER, THE VAMPIRE IS ENTIRELY UNPREPARED FOR THE OTHERWORLDLY POWER OF THE MAN IN THE ROBE, BARELY ESCAPING WITH HIS LIFE—BUT WITHOUT LILITH AND DANUBE...

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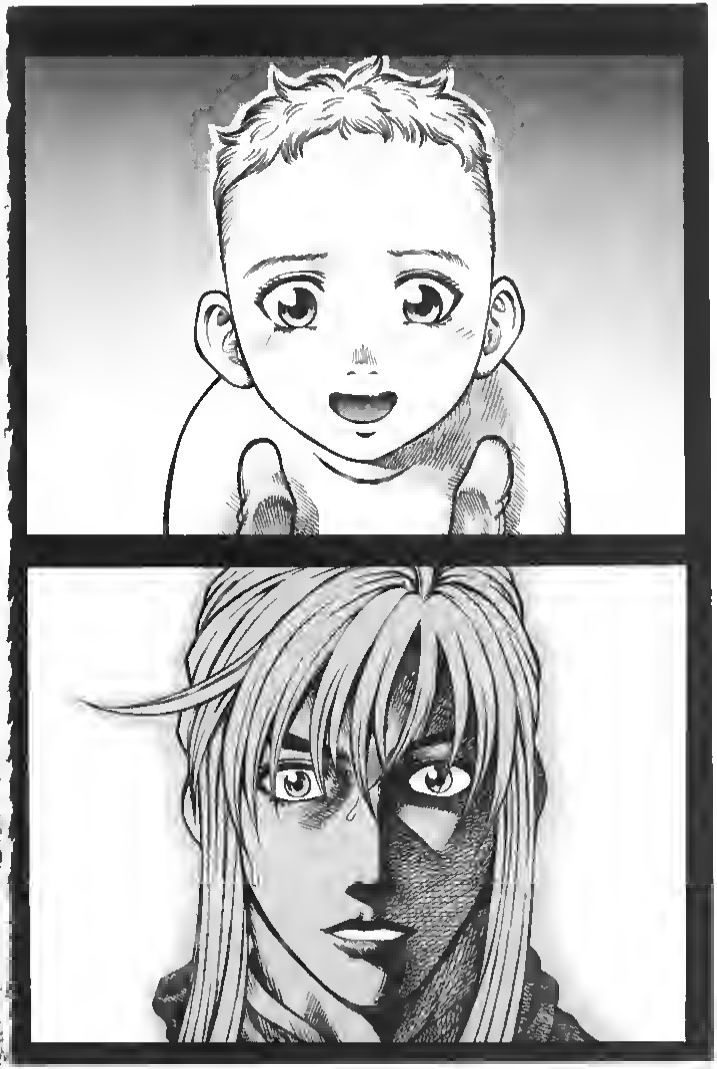
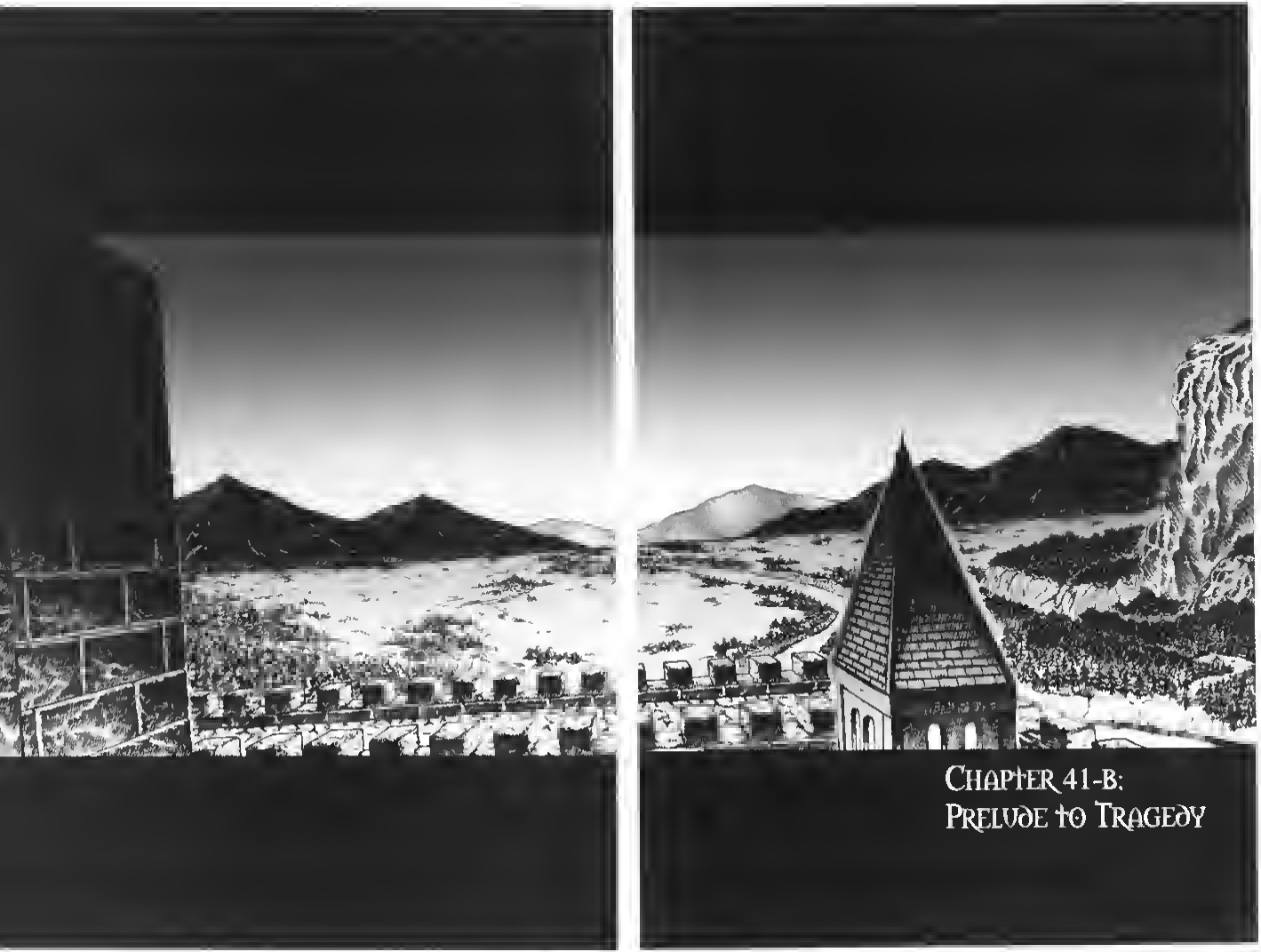


...AND NOW YOU KNOW.
THAT IS THE SECRET... OF YOUR BIRTH.
SIGH
YA KNOW, KAL --
RETT, PLEASE...
I NEED SOME TIME TO SORT THIS OUT
SORRY...

KAW!
KAW!



Chapter 41-B: Prelude to Tragedy

HMM... SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS LIKE.
ACTUALLY, I BARELY KNEW HIM AS A CHILD.
I'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT ENVIOUS OF YOU--
OF THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF DESH'S PAST.
MAYBE...
...BUT YOU HAVE MEMORIES THAT I DON'T HAVE, LILITH...

..AND I'M AFRAID...
...IT IS I WHO AM JEALOUS OF YOU THESE DAYS.
JEALOUS... BUT WHY?
DANUBE...?

PHEW-- ALMOST HOME NOW
YES..
HEY... ISN'T THAT THE PADRE?
I BELIEVE IT IS.
DANIEL! WHERE'S THE REST OF THE WELCOME WAGON?!

FATHER..?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
EXECUTED?! MY SISTER IS GUILTY OF NOTHING!
DANIEL, YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN!
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST, EITHER. BUT IT'S TRUE
THE LADIES WILL BE PUT TO DEATH DAY AFTER TOMORROW AT MIDNIGHT
MOREOVER, THERE IS A COUNTRY-WIDE SEARCH FOR THE FOUR OF US.
TH-THIS...IS INSANITY!
EASY, LAD. THE GIRLS AREN'T DONE IN, YET
AND I, FOR ONE, DON'T PLAN TO SIT HERE ON MY ARSE.
BUT WE'VE GOT SOME HARD CHOICES TO MAKE.
DO WE SURRENDER, ON THE OFF CHANCE THE BASTARDS'LL SHOW A BIT OF MERCY?
OR DO WE RESCUE THE GIRLS AND LIVE AS CRIMINALS?
THERE ARE NO CHOICES, RETT!
WHETHER I LIVE OR DIE— I WILL RESCUE DANUBE!
JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOU SAY IT, KAL.
THEN OUR NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE—
FINDING A WAY TO WAKE UP SLEEPING BEAUTY OVER THERE
BUT, RETT JUST LOOK AT HIM. HIS WOUNDS ARE TOO SEVERE

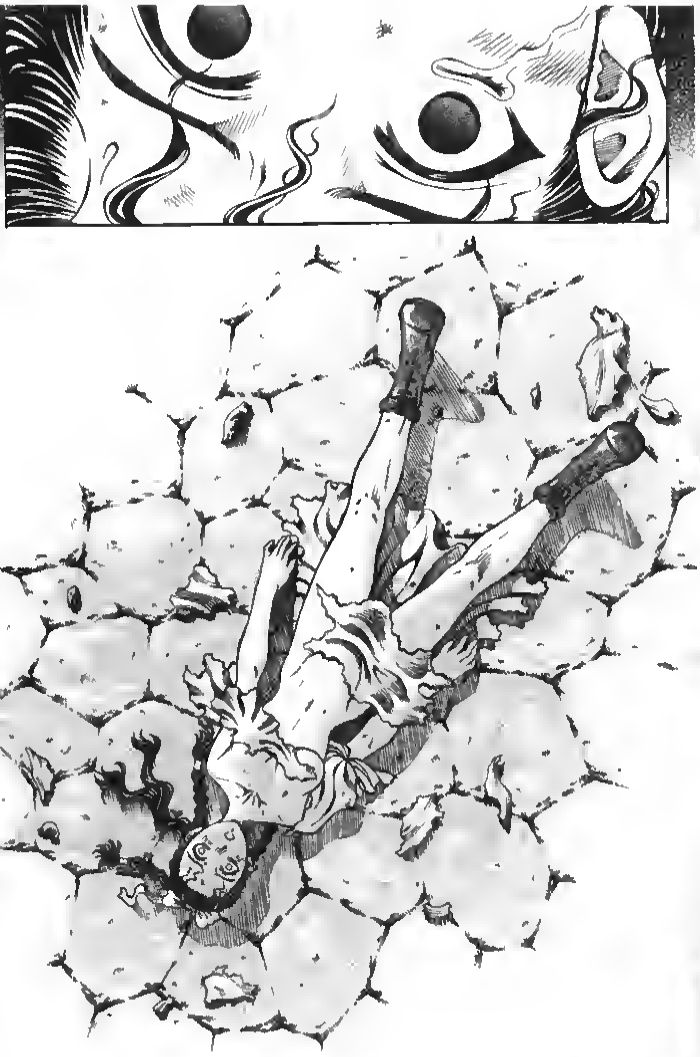
OH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM
KAL, GIVE HIM A TASTE OF YOUR RED STUFF. THAT'LL PERK HIM UP.
MY...?!
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THAT BLOOD OF YOURS
AND AFTER WHAT THE OLD MAN TOLD US YESTERDAY, ARE YOU REALLY THAT SHOCKED?
MY DEAR DANUBE...
덜컹-
OH-- DESH! YOU'RE AWAKE!
YES... THANKS TO YOU.

KAL...I'M SORRY...
IT'S MY FAULT THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO... OUT OF HAND.
I SOMETIMES THINK NONE OF THIS WAS MEANT TO BE...
IF WE HAD GONE OUR SEPARATE WAYS...PERHAPS YOU'D ALL BE BETTER OFF.
IT'S AS IF MY PRESENCE HERE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS MADNESS
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE
IF THERE'S SOMEONE TO BLAME IT'S THOSE BASTARDS WITH THEIR SECRET AGENDAS!
DESH, STOP! IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE MY MOST VALUED FRIEND.
I REGRET NOTHING, DESH.
NOT OUR FRIENDSHIP...
NOR ALL THAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

THANK YOU, KAL...
DESH, DID RETT TELL YOU ABOUT MY PAST?
YES...A LITTLE.
WHEN I FIRST HEARD THE STORY, I WAS STUNNED.
THEN, SLOWLY, I BEGAN TO TAKE COMFORT IN IT.
THE FACT THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE DETAILS OF MY BIRTH, I AM NOT THAT MAN'S SON!
AND THAT DANUBE...

...ISN'T MY DIRECT RELATION.
AT FIRST, THINKING SHE WASN'T MY SISTER DEVASTATED ME
BUT NOT NOW.
I DECIDED TO BE HONEST WITH MYSELF.
I STILL BELIEVE IN WHAT I TOLD RETT.

THAT TRUE LOVE CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING.
I'M GOING TO RISK MY LIFE TO SAVE DANUBE.
AND IF SOMEHOW WE SURVIVE...
...I'M GOING TO ASK HER TO BE MY WIFE
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY, KAL.
HA! LOOK AT ME, BLUSHING LIKE A SCHOOL-GIRL!



Chapter 42: Dangerous Gamble

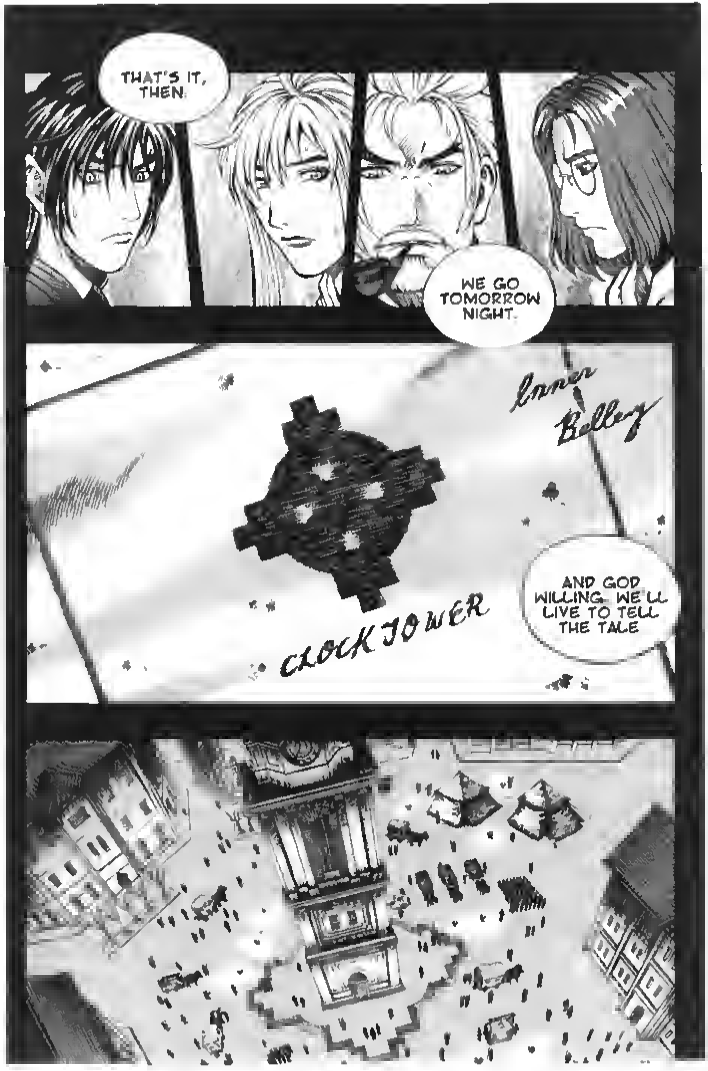
THIS IS MICHELE PLAZA, WHERE MISS LILITH AND MISS DANUBE ARE TO BE HANGED TOMORROW
IT IS SCHEDULED FOR MIDNIGHT.
EVEN AT THAT HOUR, THE PLAZA WILL BE FILLED WITH SPECTATORS
MOST LIKELY, THE GALLOWS WILL BE HERE, IN FRONT OF THE CLOCK TOWER
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES WHAT THIS IS?
IT'S A TRAP!

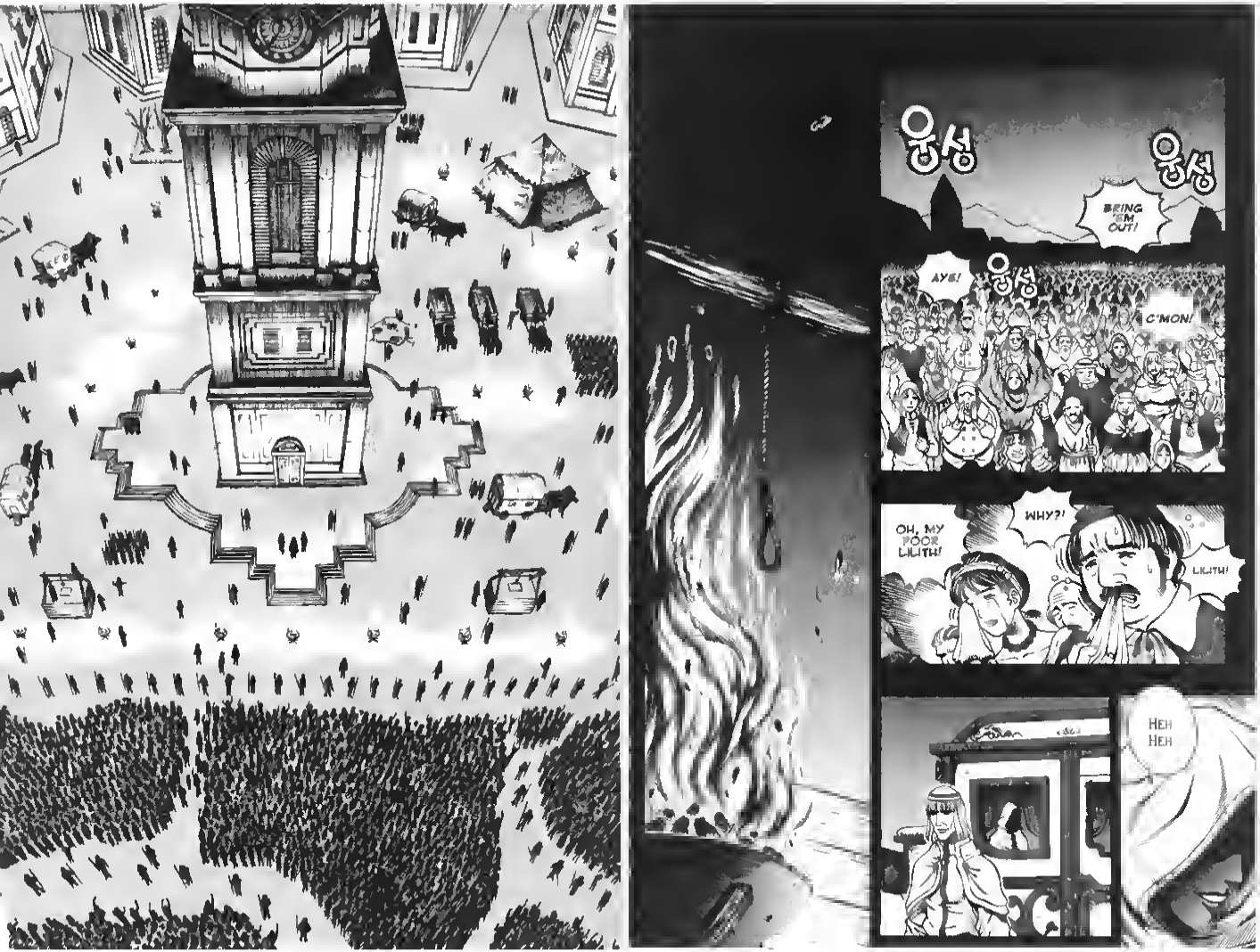
HMPH... 'COURSE IT IS.
THEY KNOW VAMPIRES LIKE YOU CAN ONLY COME OUT AT NIGHT...AND STILL, THEY HOLD THE EXECUTION AT MIDNIGHT
THESE BUGGERS ARE BEGGIN US TO GIVE IT A TRY...
BUT WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW IS...
WE JUST DON'T GIVE A DAMN
OBVIOUSLY A TRAP. THEY COULD HAVE CAPTURED DESH EARLIER...AND SCHEDULING THE HANGINGS AT NIGHT...?
CLEARLY THEY WANT TO TAKE US ALL AT ONCE
KAL, I'M AFRAID...
THAT THEIR GOALS ARE NOT SO SIMPLE
I... I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT, EXACTLY, BUT...
...THEY ARE AFTER SOMETHING BEYOND MY KNOWLEDGE
SOMETHING COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE REALM OF ANYTHING WE'VE EVER DEALT WITH
AND THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT JOSIMOV
THERE WAS AN INCREDIBLE POWER THAT WAS CONTROLLING HIM. IT WAS
...NOT OF THIS WORLD...

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU, DESH WORRYING ABOUT SOME GUT FEELING.
BUT IT CHANGES NOTHING. THE QUESTION IS STILL "HOW" NOT "IF."
RETT...
WHAT COULD IT BE?
THIS EERIE, UNEASY FEELING?!
RIGHT THEN! LET'S GET STARTED!
AS DANIEL SAID, THE GALLOWS WILL BE HERE.
WITH PLENTY OF GUARDS ON BOTH SIDES
AND A BLOODY GREAT CROWD ALL AROUND.

SINCE IT'S ONLY THE FOUR OF US, OUR ONLY CHANCE WILL BE TO CREATE SOME SORT OF DIVERSION.
A COUPLE WELL-PLACED EXPLOSIONS MIGHT DO THE TRICK. IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE.
NOW LISTEN UP.
DESH AND I WILL BE THE ONES WHO GRAB THE GIRLS.
AND TO MAKE SURE NOBODY'S EMOTIONS GET IN THE WAY, I'LL TAKE LILITH.
YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF DANUBE, ALL RIGHT?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY "EMOTIONS."
KAL, YOU'LL WAIT FOR DESH'S AND MY SIGNAL AND TIME THE EXPLOSIONS
...BUT I TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.
DANIEL, YOU'LL HAVE THE CARRIAGE WAITING AT THE FAR LEFT OF THE PLAZA.

RETT... WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I--
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT DESH AND I ARE THE WARRIORS.
I KNOW, KAL... YOU WANT TO BE IN ON THE FIGHT.
WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST AND FIGHT HARD IN CLOSE QUARTERS.
AND BESIDES WE NEED SOMEONE WATCHING OUR BACKS
I SEE...
ALL RIGHT, RETT. I UNDERSTAND.
DON'T WORRY, LAD! WE'LL HAVE HER SAFE AND SOUND!
YES... OF COURSE


THAT'S IT, THEN.
WE GO TOMORROW NIGHT.
Inner Bailey
CLOCK TOWER
AND GOD WILLING, WE'LL LIVE TO TELL THE TALE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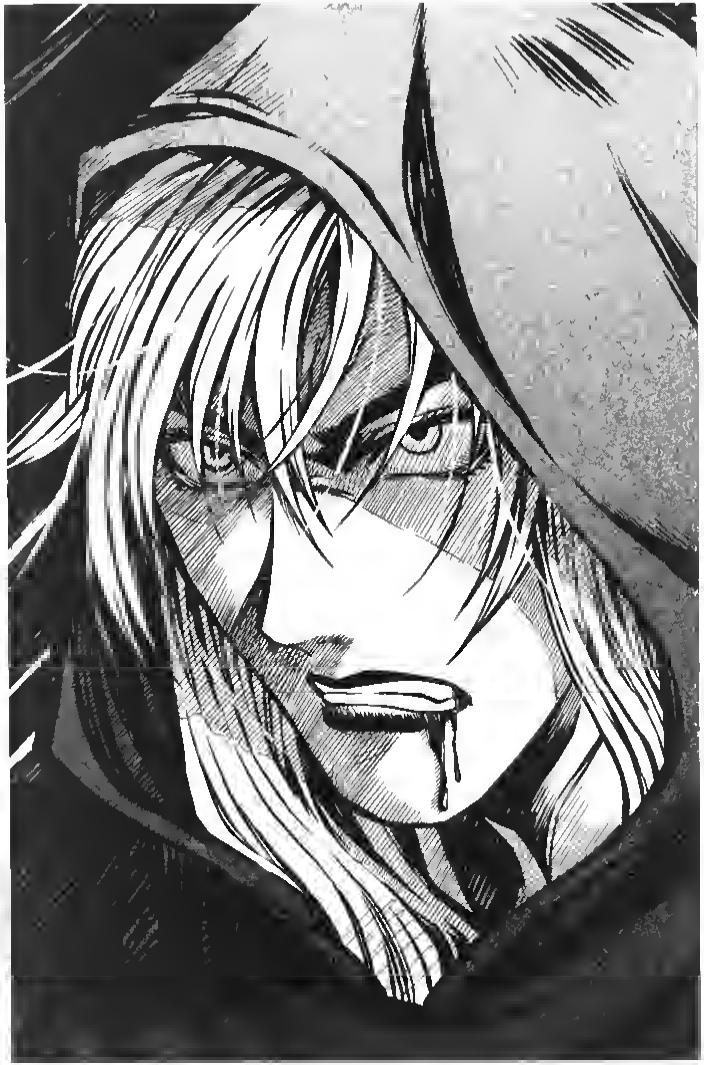
BRING 'EM OUT!
AYE!
웅성
C'MON!
OH, MY POOR LILITH!
WHY?!
LILITH!
HEH HEH

RETT! THOSE SCAFFOLDS MUST BE MORE THAN FIFTY METERS APART!
TSK...
DIVIDE AND CONQUER, KAL. THEY'RE TRYING TO SPLIT OUR NUMBERS.
WHERE'S DESH?
HE'S BLENDING WITH THE CROWD.
WHICH IS WHAT I SHOULD BE TRYING TO DO
NOW, GO SET UP THE BOMBS BEFORE WE'RE SPOTTED!
Y-YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.
LET'S GET STARTED!
HSSS!
HANG 'EM! HANG 'EM!
HA
DESHWITAT... YOU MUST SAVE DANUBE.
YOU HAVE MY PROMISE.
IT'S ALMOST TIME. BRING OUT THE PRISONERS!
YES, SI!
AHK!!
EEE

THIS IS WRONG...
YAAH!
HERE THEY COME!
IT'S THE WITCH!
A RIGHT COMELY WITCH, TOO!
MOVE ALONG!
JOG!

THOSE BASTARDS...
LILITH...!!
D-DANUBE...!!
WH-WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER?!

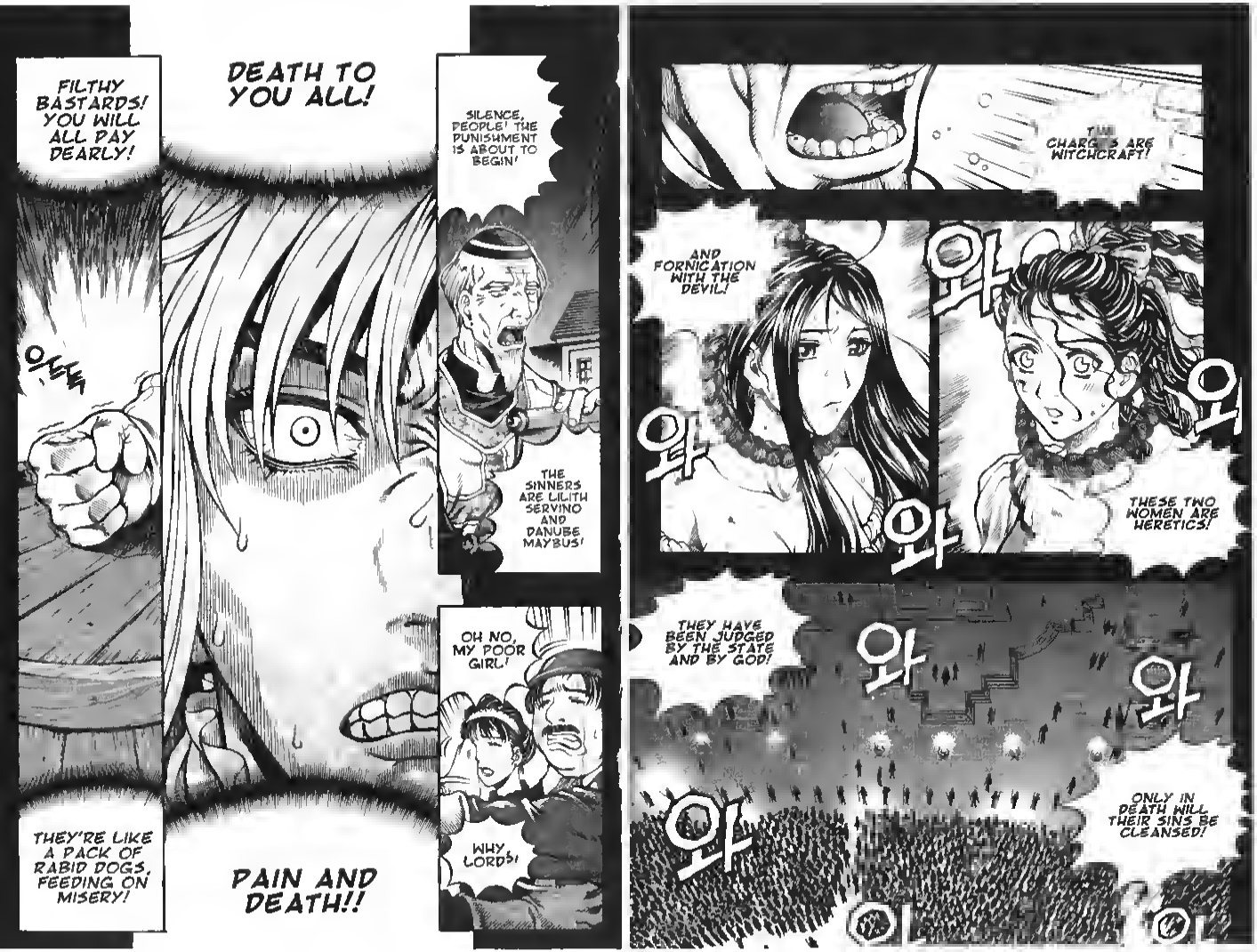
HA-! LOOK AT THAT ONE! SOMEONE HAD SOME FUN!
HAR HAR!
OH, I BET SHE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT!
A BIT O'PLEASURE BEFORE THE NOOSE, RIGHT?!
HRRRGH!
NO, KAL!!
STAY CALM!
DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD, OR WE'RE ALL COOKED!



THE PLAYERS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED
THE AUDIENCE IS IN ATTENDANCE
THE DAY OF PROMISE IS HERE
THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER DELAY
LET THE EXECUTIONS BEGIN!

PREPARE THE PRISONERS!

AT LAST! IT BEGINS!
와
HEY NOW-- NO NEED TO PUSH!
와
와
HERE WE GO. TIME FOR DESH AND ME TO TAKE POSITIONS.
와
아
NOW THE WITCHES HANG!
와
YAH! MAKE 'EM SWING!
DOWN IN FRONT! I CAN'T SEE!
와
와
와
DANUBE ....
아


DEATH TO YOU ALL!
FILTHY BASTARDS! YOU WILL ALL PAY DEARLY!
SILENCE, PEOPLE! THE PUNISHMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
THE SINNERS ARE LILITH SERVINO AND DANUBE MAYBUS!
OH NO, MY POOR GIRL!
WHY, LORD?!
THEY'RE LIKE A PACK OF RABID DOGS, FEEDING ON MISERY!
PAIN AND DEATH!!
THE CHARGES ARE WITCHCRAFT!
AND FORNICATION WITH THE DEVIL!
THESE TWO WOMEN ARE HERETICS!
THEY HAVE BEEN JUDGED BY THE STATE AND BY GOD!
ONLY IN DEATH WILL THEIR SINS BE CLEANSED!

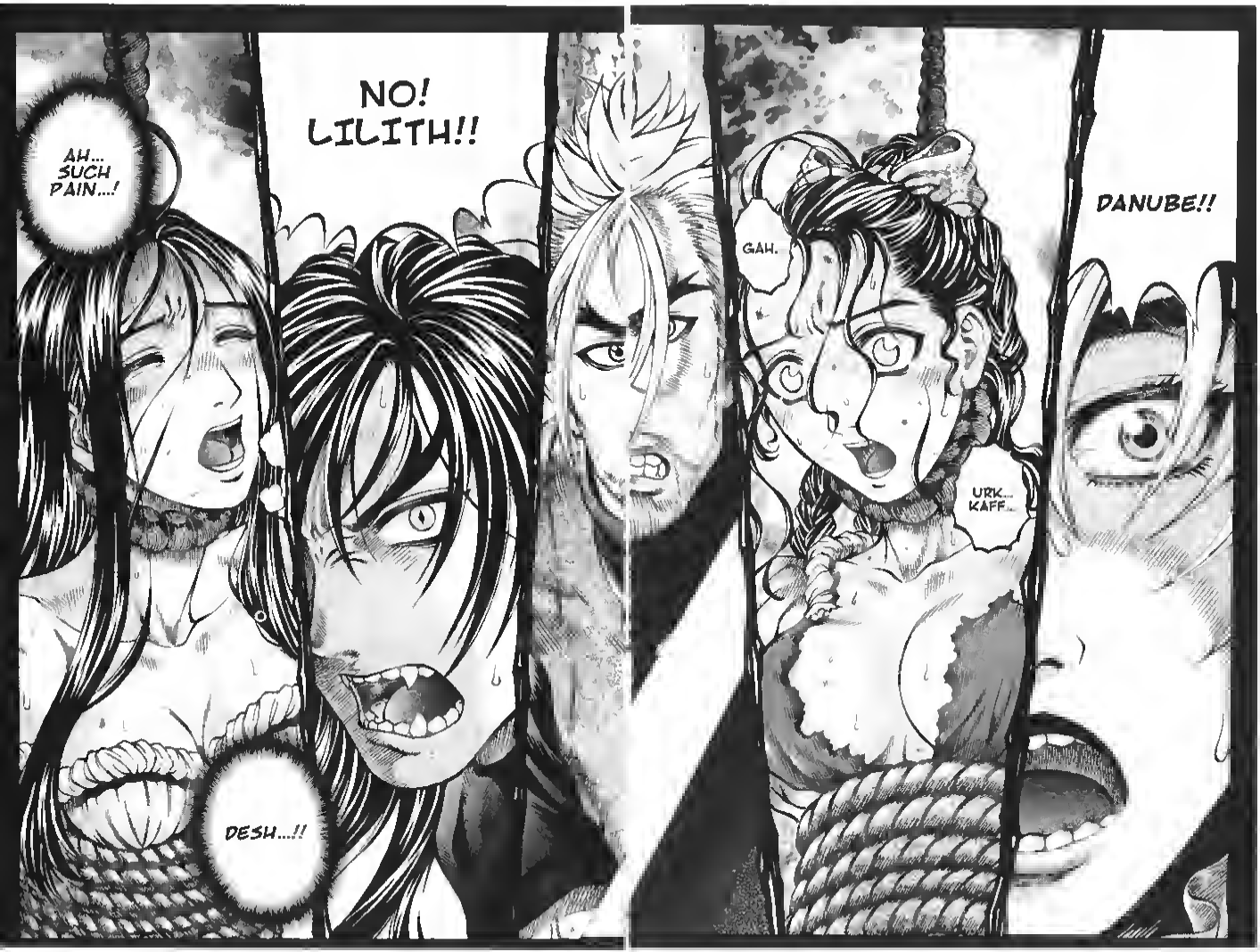
ENOUGH TALK! BEGIN!
YES!
BEGIN THE EXECUTION!
FIRST GALLOWS READY!
SECOND READY!
DESH....
A-AH...

AT MY COMMAND!
3!
2!!
1!!!
THIS IS IT LADS!
NOW, KAL! NOW!

AYIEEE!!
RUN! RUN!
WH-WHAT IS IT?!
IT'S AN ATTACK!
AAAH! HELP US!

DEAR GOD, KAL! NOT THE CROWD!
AYIEE!
I SAID NO BYSTANDERS WERE TO BE HURT, DAMMIT!
HELP!
DIE, YOU FILTHY SWINE! DIE!
BUT... CAUSING SO MUCH DEATH AND PAIN... WHAT HAVE I BECOME?!
KYAA!
NO... NO WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
GAAAHH!!!
TH-THEY HOWL FOR DANUBE'S DEATH! THEY DESERVE TO DIE!
NO MATTER! I'VE MADE AN EVEN BIGGER DIVERSION THAN WE PLANNED. SO MUCH THE BETTER!
MOVE! MOVE! WE CAN CHANGE THE PLAN NOW!
YOU MUST GET TO LILITH!
HMP!
OH, RIGHT!
SO THEY DID COME...
OF COURSE THEY CAME.
And now I must play my part...

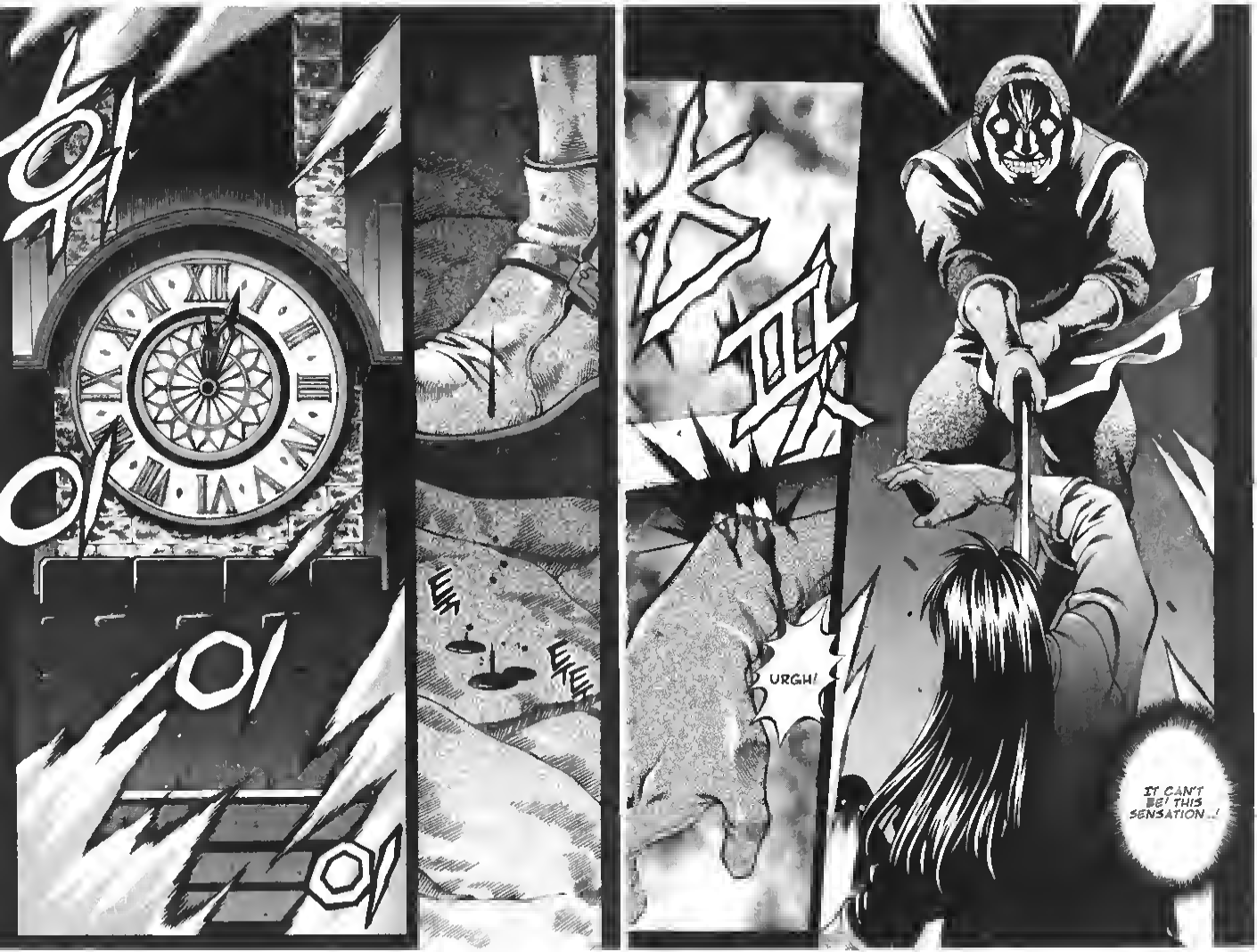
HRAHH!
DESHWITAT!!
RETT!!
THEY'VE SEEN US, DESH!
THOSE MEN HAVE COME TO FREE THE HERETICS!
CONTINUE THE EXECUTIONS! KILL THEM!
AYE!!
AHH--?!
ACK!!
OH?!


AH... SUCH PAIN...!
NO! LILITH!!
DESH...!!
GAH.
URK... KAFF...
DANUBE!!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, LILITH!
I'LL BURN THE ROPE!
WH-WHAT?! MY POWERS... ARE GONE?!
HEH HEH... IT'S NO USE, DESHWITAT.
I'VE PLACED A SEAL OVER THE PLAZA!
COME ON, DESH! WE'VE GOT NO TIME!
THE GIRLS WON'T LAST MORE THAN TWO MINUTES!
02:00
HURRY, DESHWITAT!
PLEASE SAVE HER!
HURRY!
HURRY!
HURRY!!
01:54
BACK, YOU DEVIL!
01:43
AAARH!!

01:38
01.36
01.31
WH-WHAT ARE THEY?!
THEY WERE TWO OF THE SACRED KNIGHTS' GREATEST WARRIORS!
HOLD THE LINE, MEN!
01:28
01:24

Chapter 43: Scream

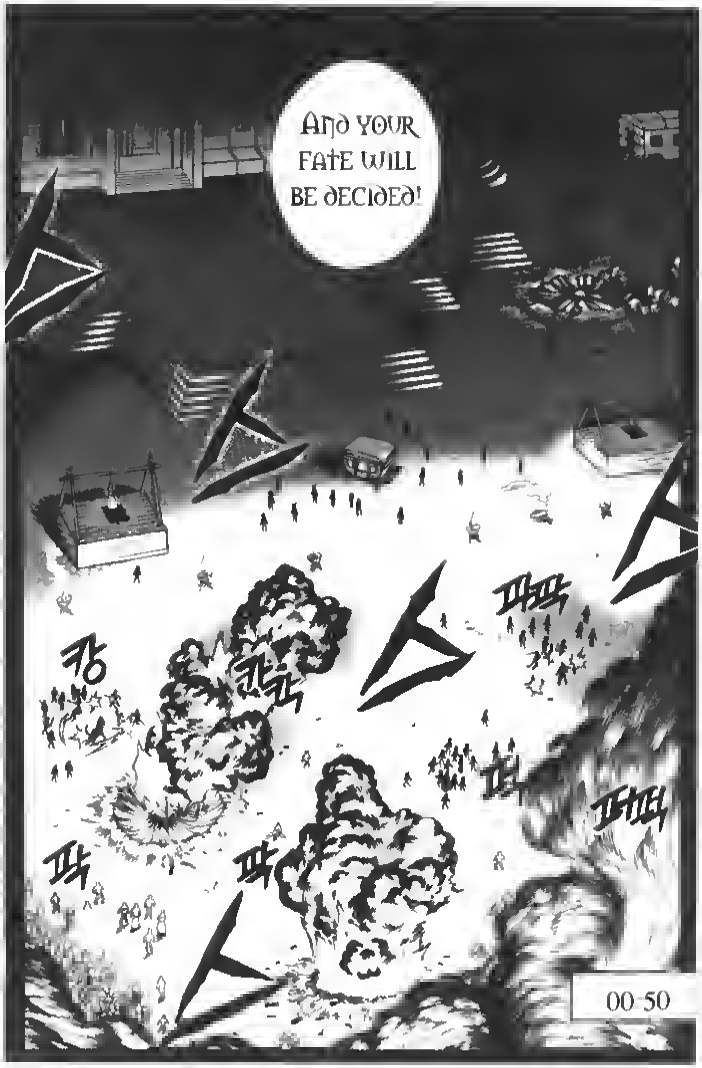

URGH!
IT CAN'T BE! THIS SENSATION...!

DEMON SEED
"THE POWER OF DARKNESS CANNOT STAND AGAINST THE LIGHT!"
IT'S THE SAME FEELING I HAD FIGHTING JOSIMOV!
HARH!
AHH...
AH... OH... ARHH...
MINDLESS CURS! THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE!

01:15
01:13
01:12
01:14
01:11
01:09
01:08
01:07
COUGH
COUGH
PUSH
THEY'RE DYING!
I'VE NO TIME FOR THESE PUPPETS!
AYAA!
I'LL BE BACK FOR THESE SCUM AFTER I'VE FREED THE GIRLS!
WHAT?!

AHH!!
01.04
OOOF!
AH!
01:01
00:59
RUNNING...
...OUT OF TIME!
RETT, WHERE ARE YOU?!
00.55

LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING AS HARD A TIME AS I AM!
HE MAY NOT EVEN MAKE IT TO LILITH!
00:53
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
HA HA HA...
Don't WORRY DEATHWITCH...
YOUR MOMENT OF TRUTH IS HERE!


AND YOUR FATE WILL BE DECIDED!
00:50

DON'T THEY REALIZE WE'VE RUN OUT OF TIME?!
DAMMIT! WHY ARE THEY WASTING TIME ON THE GUARDS?!
DANUBE! OH GOD, DANUBE!
SHE'S DYING!!

UHGG!
00:47
S-STAY BACK...
It is not yet...
...YOUR TIME TO ENTER THE FRAY!
NO!
00:44

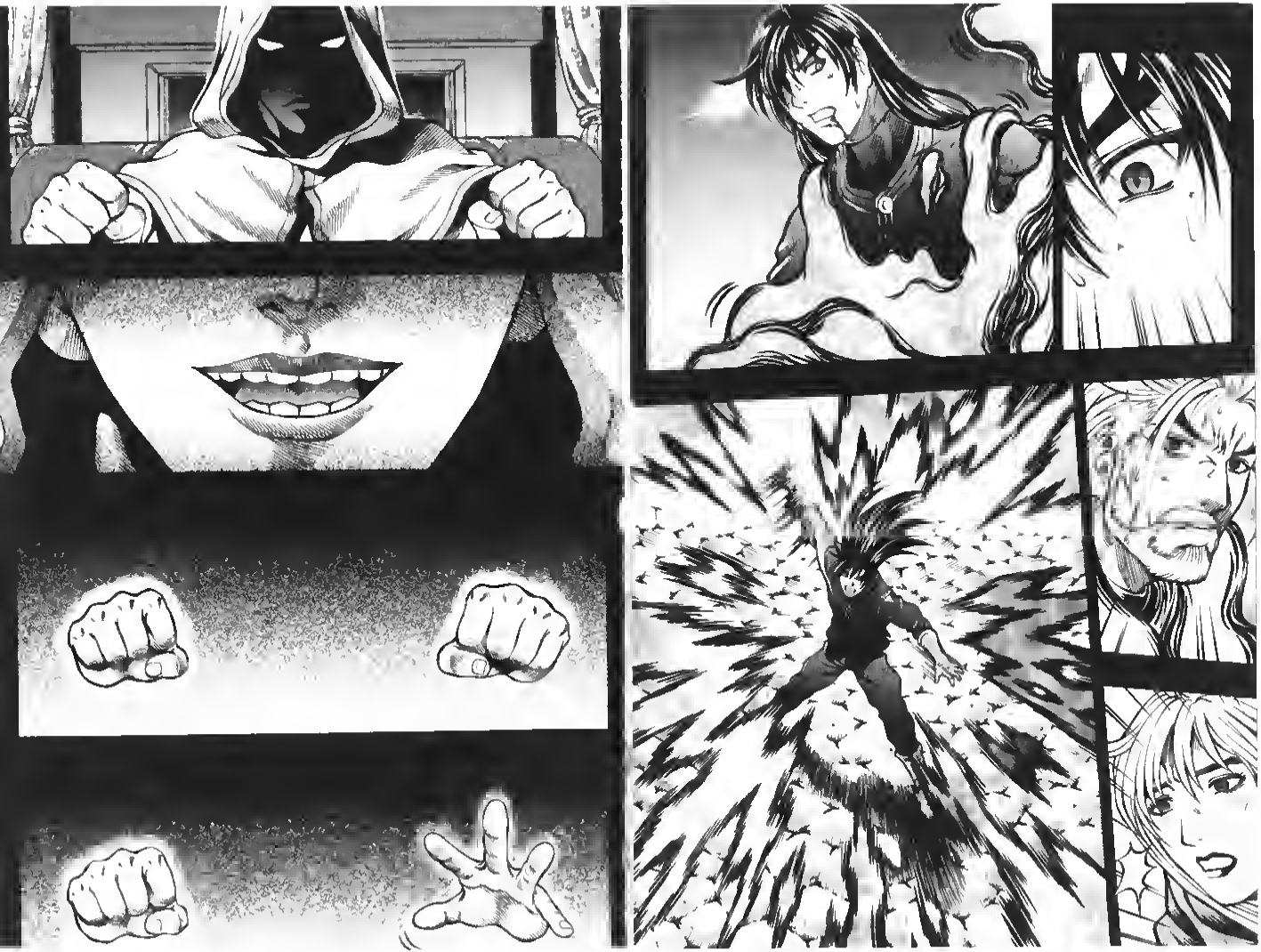
00:41
HUFF
HUFF
EH? SOME-THING'S HAPPENING
00:39

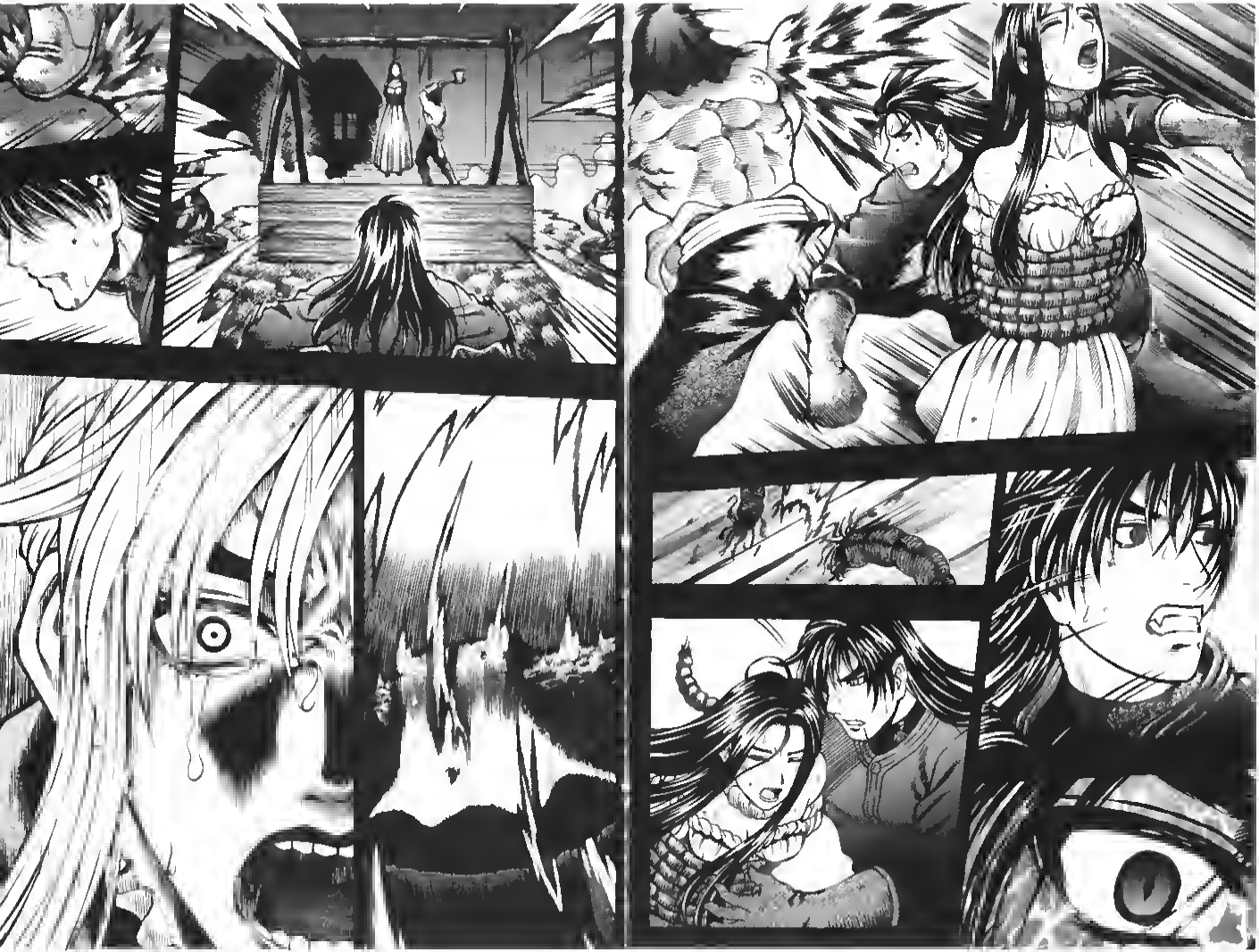
AAH!
GAH-!
WHAT IS THIS...?!
00:35

HUH?!
AAAHH!
HURG- DAMMIT!
KAFF-!
KAFF-!
00:31

TSK TSK... SUCH A PITY.
ALTHOUGH I MUST SAY YOUR BRAVERY IS IMPRESSIVE
IMPRESSIVE... BUT NO LESS FUTILE
JOSIMOV
I'LL KILL YOU!
UTTER DESPAIR WILL BE YOUR REWARD
HEH HEH
HEH HEH AND THESE LOVELY LADIES...
HE'S BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE BUT WHO?!
00:29
-WILL DIE LIKE SOWS IN A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE

YOU FILTHY MAGGOT!
I WILL TEAR YOUR HEART OUT!
YOU WILL LEARN HUMILITY VAMPIRE
AND YOUR EDUCATION BEGINS NOW
ADJUNCT!
YES, LORD!
I'VE LOST PATIENCE WITH THIS TEDIOUS DISPLAY
BEHEAD THE PRISONERS
DAMN YOU-- NO!!
DANUBE!





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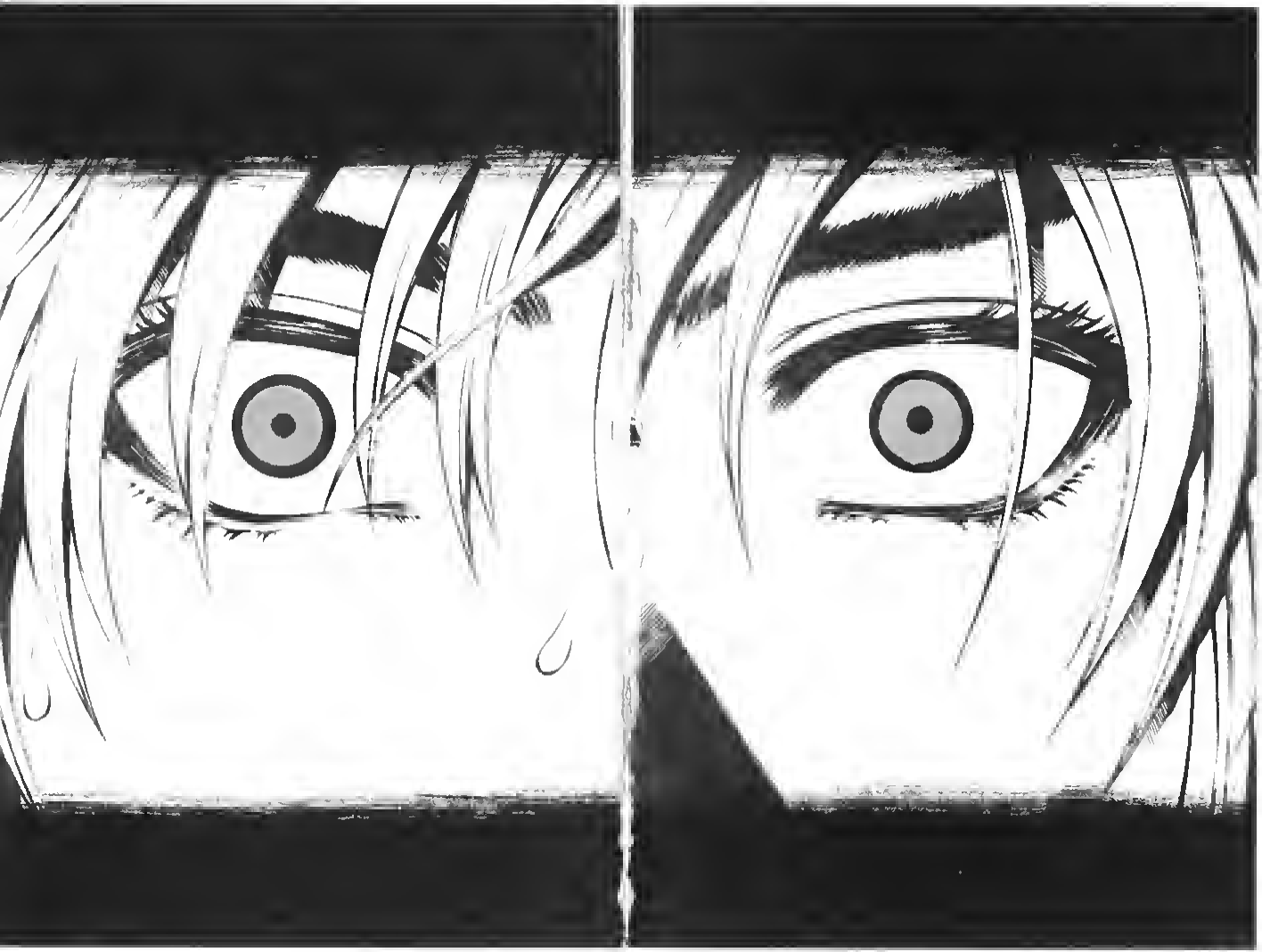

DANU...
OOH..
OOH..

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AAHHHHH!!

ALL
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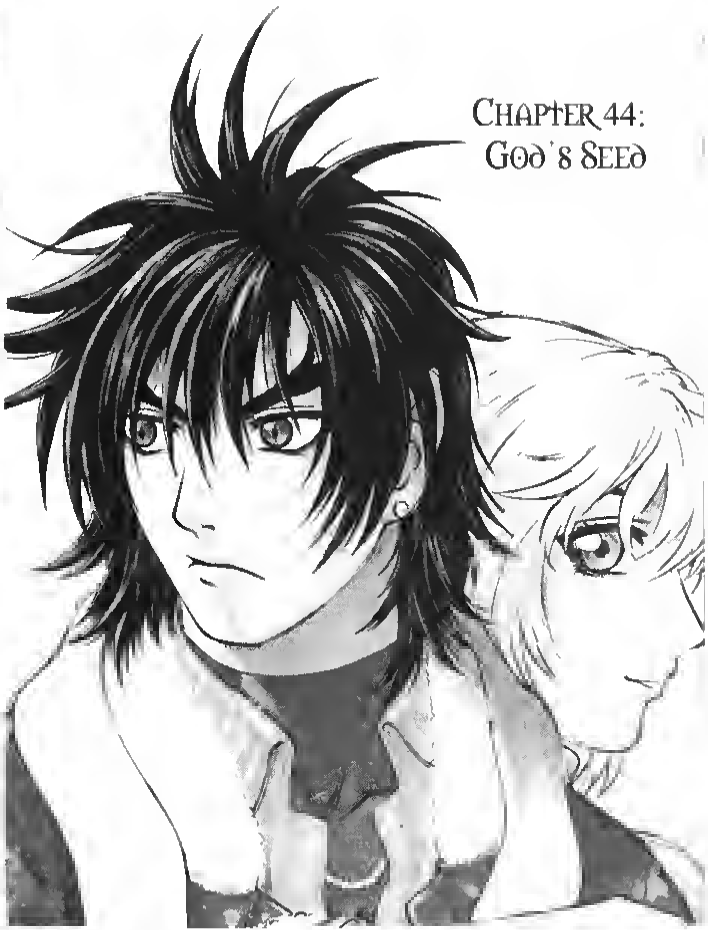
THE TIME IS NOW! KILL THEM ALL!
우르르릉!
AHK!
GAH!
GET IN THE WAGON--NOW!
HURRY! REINFORCE-MENTS WILL BE COMING!
WELL DONE, PADRE!
RETT, TAKE LILITH! I'LL GET KAL!
MAKE IT FAST!
KAL... I'M SO SORRY...
THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH

DON'T LET EMOTIONS GET IN THE WAY! ISN'T THAT WHAT WE DECIDED?!
BUT YOU COULDN'T KEEP YOUR PROMISE, YOU TRAITOR!
IF ONLY I'D NEVER MET YOU MAYBE MY SISTER WOULD STILL BE ALIVE!
SHE SHE LOVED YOU! DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
YOU! A FILTHY BLOOD-DRINKING BEAST FROM HELL--!
AH!
WASN'T ENOUGH WHAT, YOU BASTARD?! ENOUGH TIME?!
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SAVE DANUBE! THAT WAS THE PLAN! AND NOW SHE'S DEAD!

Chapter 44: God's Seed



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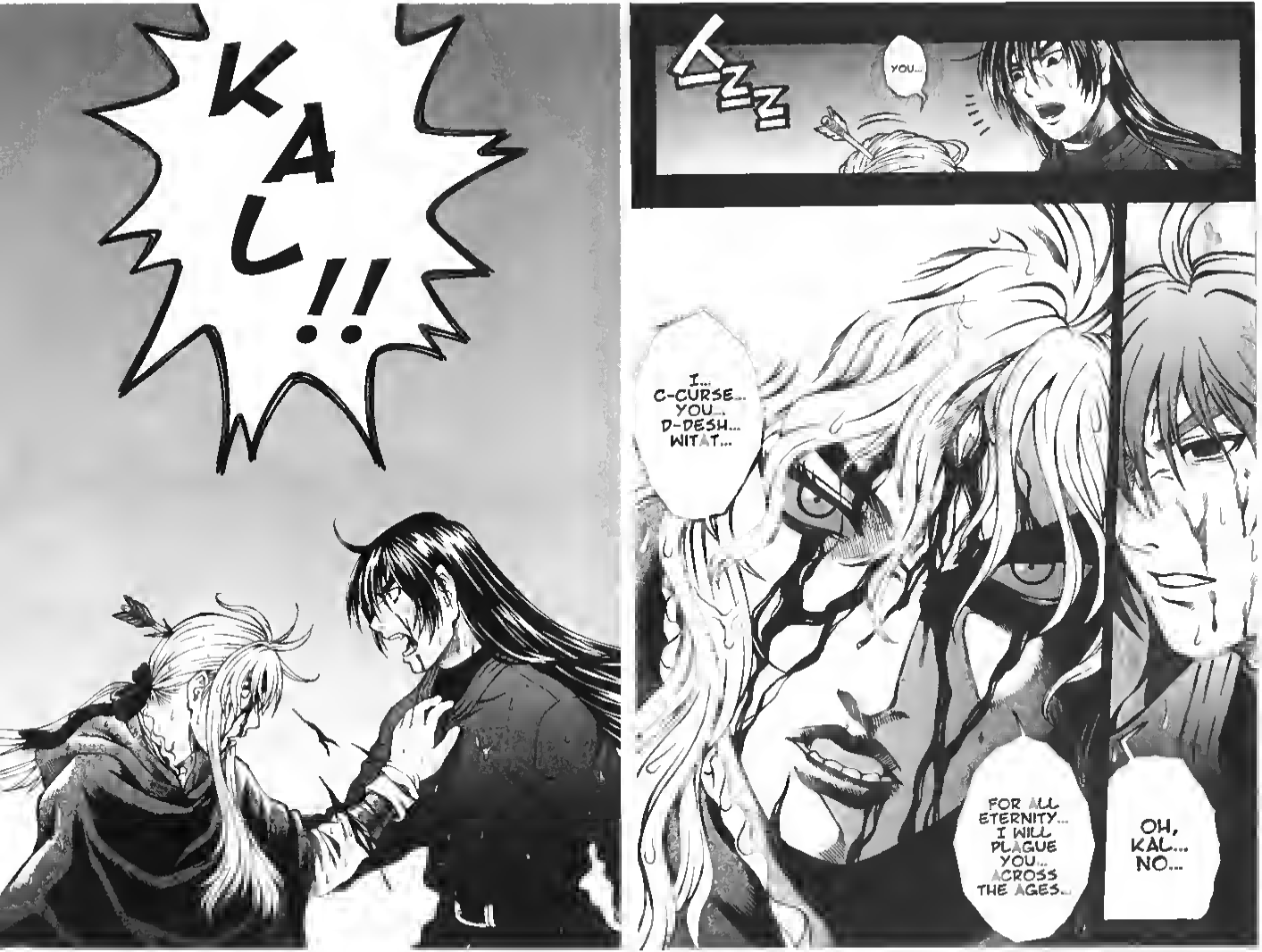
D-D-D...
NO!!
KAL...


KAL!!
YOU...
I... C-CURSE... YOU... D-DESH... WITAT...
FOR ALL ETERNITY... I WILL PLAGUE YOU... ACROSS THE AGES...
OH, KAL... NO...

NOOO!!

RETT! LET ME GO!
I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!

EASY NOW, DESH.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S LOST A FRIEND!
BETTER GET MOVING, DANIEL..
..OR WE'RE ALL DEAD!
YES, RETT...
NEIGH!
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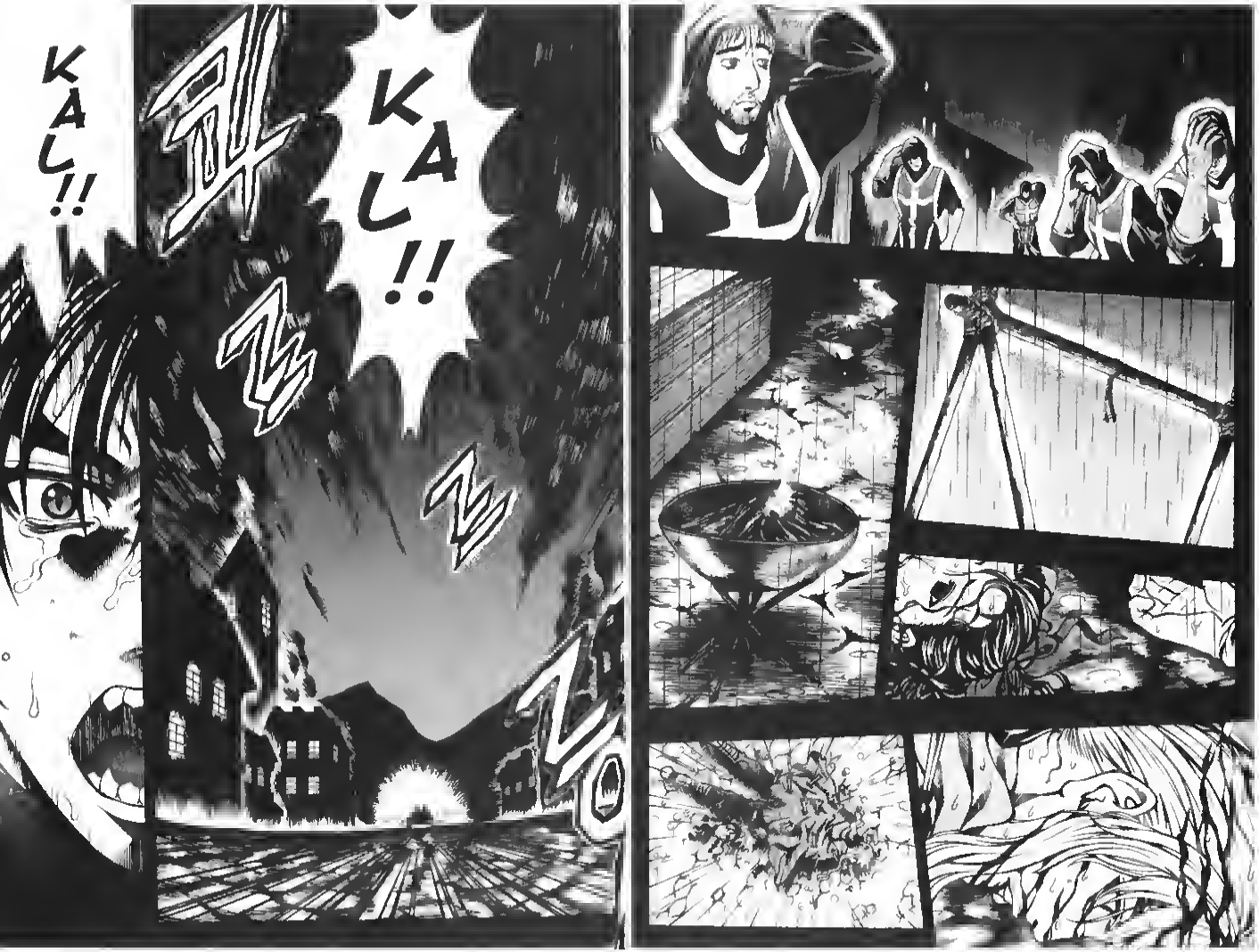
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Both gods and demons are the creation of man...
And with this sinful death
...I have created something...
...truly terrifying

HA HA HA HA HA!

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, DESH.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
ANY MAN WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING
AS ENRAGED AS KAL WAS...
...HE WOULD HAVE DONE NO DIFFERENT.
IF ANYONE SHOULD FEEL GUILTY...
...IT'S ME.

THE TWO OF YOU SHOULD STAY HERE FOR NOW.
DESH, GET LILITH IN SOME DRY CLOTHES.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THIS WHOLE THING STINKS WORSE THAN MY MUM'S COOKIN'
THINK I'LL SNIFF AROUND A BIT. SEE IF I CAN'T GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS
I'VE GOT TO KNOW... IF ONLY FOR KAL AND DANUBE.
GOOD LUCK
YOU TWO BETTER GET SOME REST
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I KNOW SOME-THING.
A-HEM..
UH..MR BUTLER..?
YES?
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID..
...AND...
...AND...
...I'M SO SORRY...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY..?
DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF, MISS. JUST GET SOME REST.

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LET'S GET YOU WARMED UP.
LILITH!!
TH-THANK YOU.

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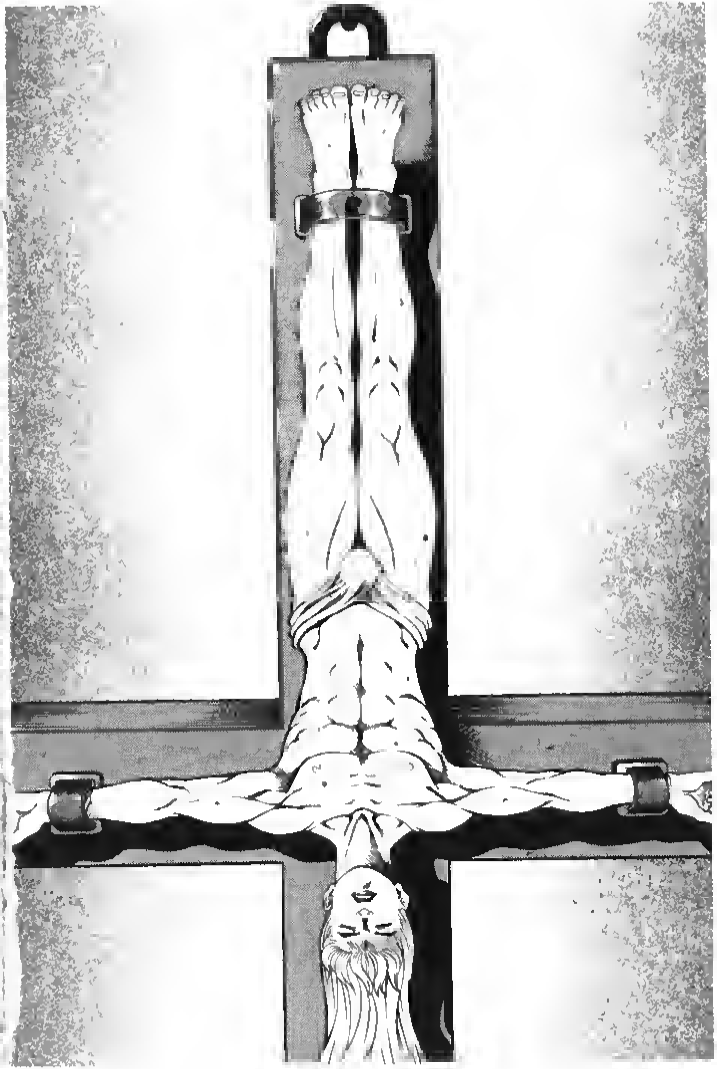

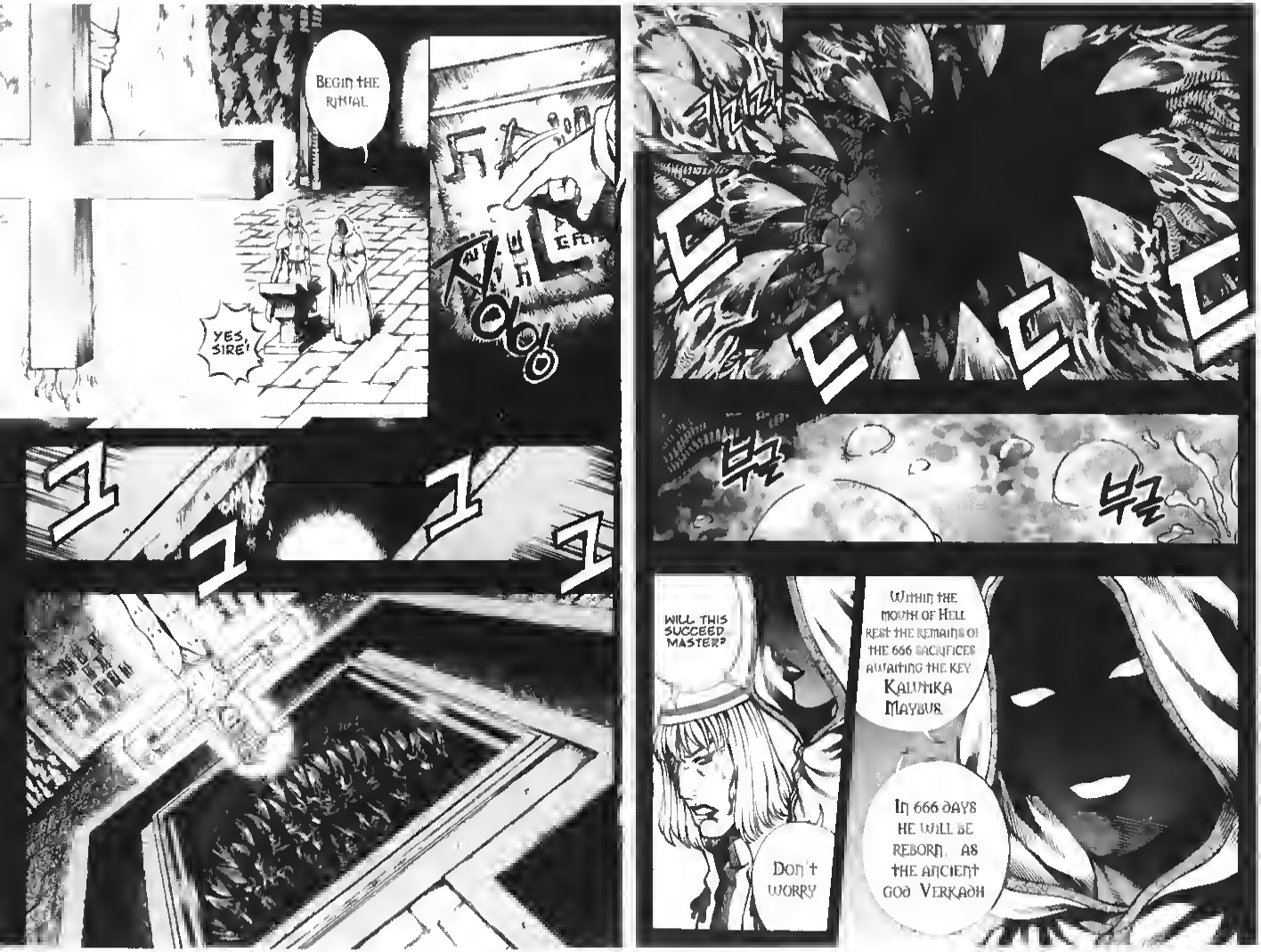
BEGIN THE RITUAL
YES, SIRE!
WILL THIS SUCCEED MASTER?
DON'T WORRY
WITHIN THE MOUTH OF HELL REST THE REMAINS OF THE 666 SACRIFICES AWAITING THE KEY KALUNKA MAYBUS.
IN 666 DAYS HE WILL BE REBORN AS THE ANCIENT GOD VERKAOH

LOWER THE BODY!
YES, SIRE!
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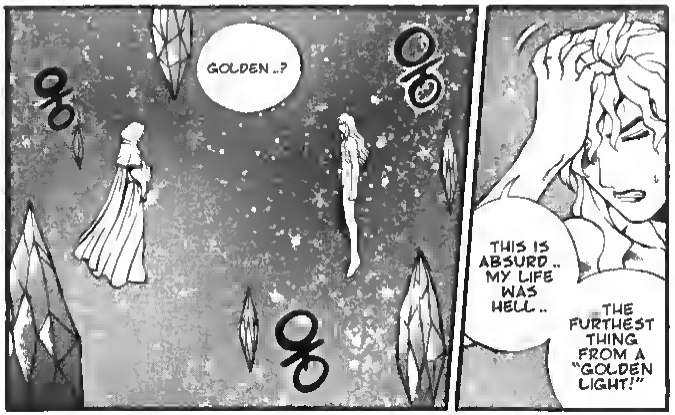
SO HOT..
BODY... ON FIRE.. SUCH PAIN..
CAN'T BREATHE
WAIT I REMEMBER
I'M... DEAD... AREN'T I?!
BUT WHY SO MUCH PAIN..?
IS THIS DEATH?
SUCH EMPTINESS SUCH HELPLESSNESS..
NOTHINGNESS..

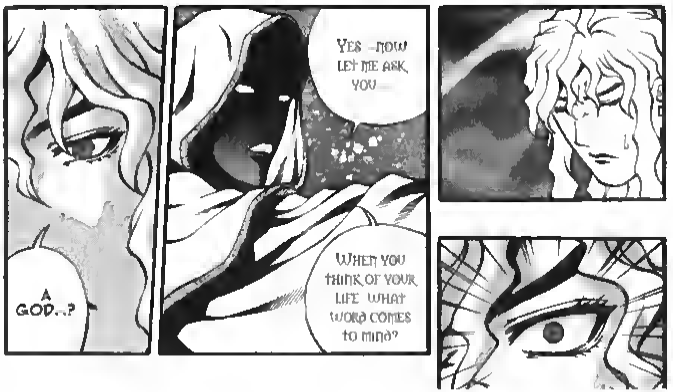
RHARR!
I SEE MY LIFE... MY PAST LIFE... FLASHING BEFORE ME...
AHH!
PLEASE
I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY
AHH!
... THIS IS DEATH.
-- YOUR NAME! IT'S--
DESHNI... DESHNITA?
IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW.
I WAS THERE THE DAY YOUR PARENTS WERE KILLED--- KALUTMA BROTHERS.

I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT...
...I KNEW YOU WOULD BE HERE.
HEH HEH... IS THAT SO?
WELL THERE MUST BE MANY OTHER QUESTIONS. SO WE'LL BEGIN SLOWLY.
THERE IS ONLY ONE QUESTION I WANT ANSWERED!
WHAT...
...AM I?!
AH OF COURSE THAT'S THE AGE-OLD QUESTION ISN'T IT?
JUST ANSWER ME, DAMN YOU!
HEH HEH...
ALL IN DUE TIME... ALL IN DUE TIME.
Is this WHAT YOU EXPECTED?
HOW DO YOU FEEL...?

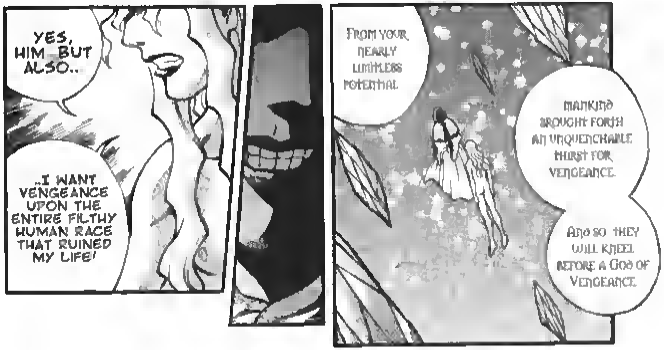
LONG AGO IN 5 000 OF YOUR EARTH YEARS...
THE OLD GODS GATHERED TO DECIDE A THING OF UNIVERSAL IMPORTANCE.
AGAIN, MORE NON-SENSE!
PATIENCE! YOU PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THIS TALE.
AT THAT TIME THE OLD GODS WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE EARTHLY KINGDOM RATHER THAN ITS HUMAN INHABITANTS.
MUCH LIKE AN ARISTOCRAT OBLIVIOUS OF THE HARDSHIPS OF THE PEASANTS BENEATH HIM.
THEY SOUGHT TO CORRECT THIS.
AND DECIDED TO LET THE HUMANS FASHION THEIR OWN GODS CREATED IN THEIR IMAGE.
THE RESULTS WERE FAVORABLE.
KRISHNA. BUDDHA MOHAMMED KHATHULOS AND SO ON. EACH A SEED OF THE OLD GODS THEY WERE WORSHIPPED BY.
STOP! WAIT!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT...
...I AM A "SEED OF THE GODS"?
PRECISELY
YOU ARE THE GOD WHO WILL RULE THIS DIMENSION FOR THE NEXT 1 000 YEARS.
A SEED OF THE OLD GODS RAISED TO RULE THE HUMANS.
YOU ARE THE HOLY GOLDEN LIGHT KALUMKA MAYBUS.


GOLDEN..?
THIS IS ABSURD.. MY LIFE WAS HELL..
THE FURTHEST THING FROM A "GOLDEN LIGHT!"

BUT IT IS TRUE. IN 666 DAYS YOU WILL BE REBORN AS A GOD
THE QUESTION IS WHAT KIND OF GOD?


A GOD..?
YES -NOW LET ME ASK YOU--
WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR LIFE WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND?

VENGEANCE!!
AHH
VENGEANCE UPON DESHOTAT?


YES, HIM BUT ALSO..
..I WANT VENGEANCE UPON THE ENTIRE FILTHY HUMAN RACE THAT RUINED MY LIFE!
FROM YOUR NEARLY LIMITLESS POTENTIAL
MANKIND BROUGHT FORTH AN UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR VENGEANCE.
AND SO THEY WILL KNEEL BEFORE A GOD OF VENGEANCE.

NOW THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN OUR PREPARATIONS?
PREPARATIONS ?
WE HAVE 666 DAYS UNTIL YOUR REBIRTH
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU MUST MATURE AND PREPARE FOR GODHOOD
FIRST YOU MUST CREATE YOUR ABODE
WHAT?
FOR YOU NOW, IT IS A SIMPLE TASK.
MERELY CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CONJURE UP THE IMAGE
CONCENTRATE ON ITS MANIFESTATION
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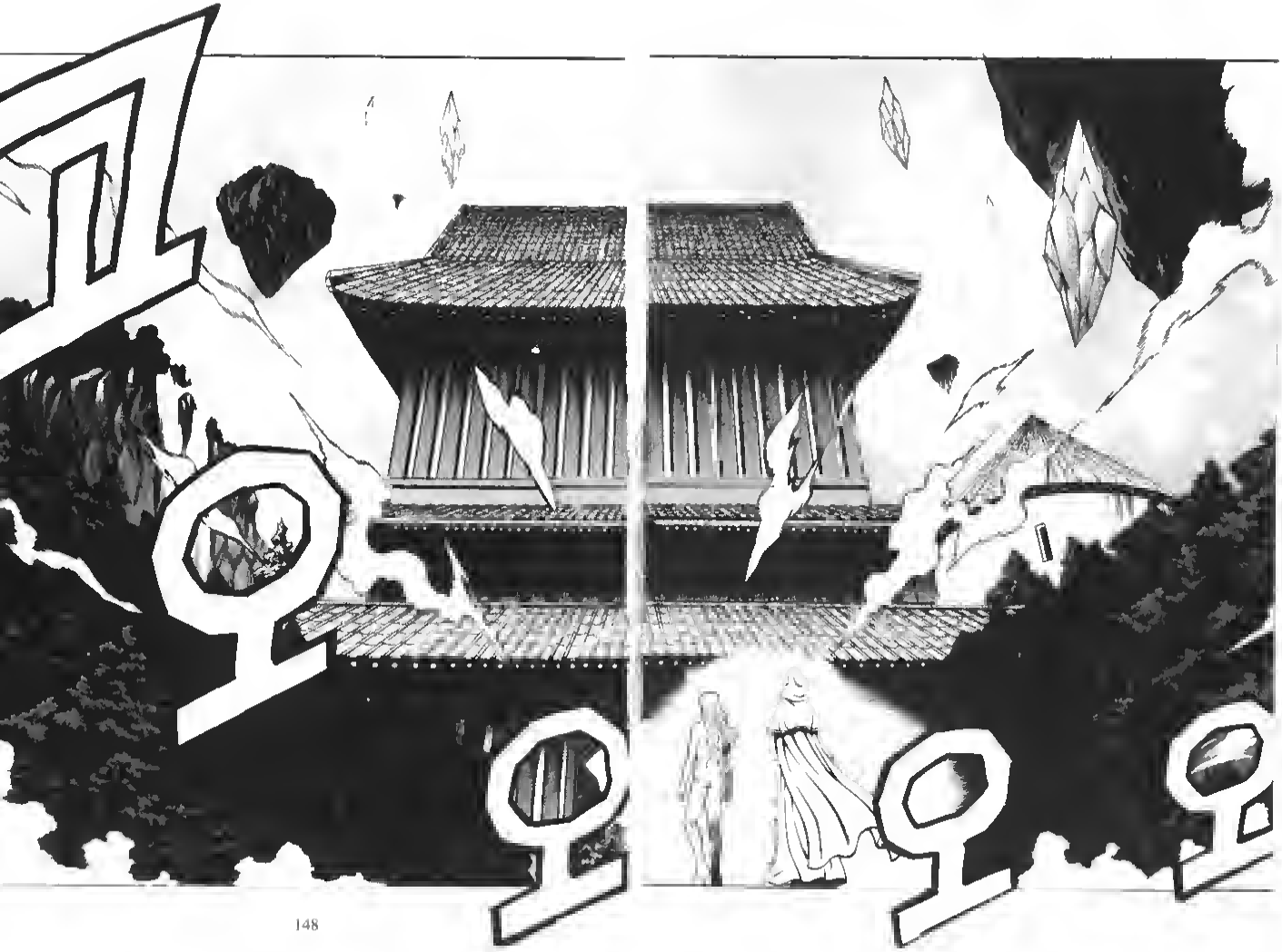

NOT BAD... FOR A FIRST EFFORT
...!!
AND NOW YOU WILL SUMMON THE ACOLYTES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU
USE THE SAME METHOD AS BEFORE. VISUALIZE CONCENTRATE
I WILL TRY..
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THESE SERVANTS HAVE BEEN CREATED FROM YOUR MENTAL IMAGES
THEY ONLY AWAIT FOR YOU TO NAME THEM
NAME THEM..?
RHETH
YES, LORD!
DAN-EL..
EVERY-THING TO YOUR WILL!
YOU ARE...
AND YOU..

...I SHALL...
...CALL YOU...
...DANUBE.
YES... THAT'S IT... DANUBE
IT IS A HOLY NAME THAT DOES NOT KNOW DEATH.
BY YOUR WILL, I WILL BE SUCH A BEING.
THIS IS THE FIRST PHASE. IN THE DAYS TO COME YOU WILL MATURE AND PROGRESS.
AND NOW I WILL RETURN TO WHERE I BELONG
BUT... WHO ARE YOU?
WHO AM I?
AS TIME PASSES
...THIS TOO SHALL COME TO YOU
WE WILL NOT MEET AGAIN GOLDEN ONE.
FAREWELL
I'VE ENJOYED MEETING YOU
AND I LEAVE YOU WITH
...THESE SMALL GIFTS.

Chapter 45-A: Agony of Truth

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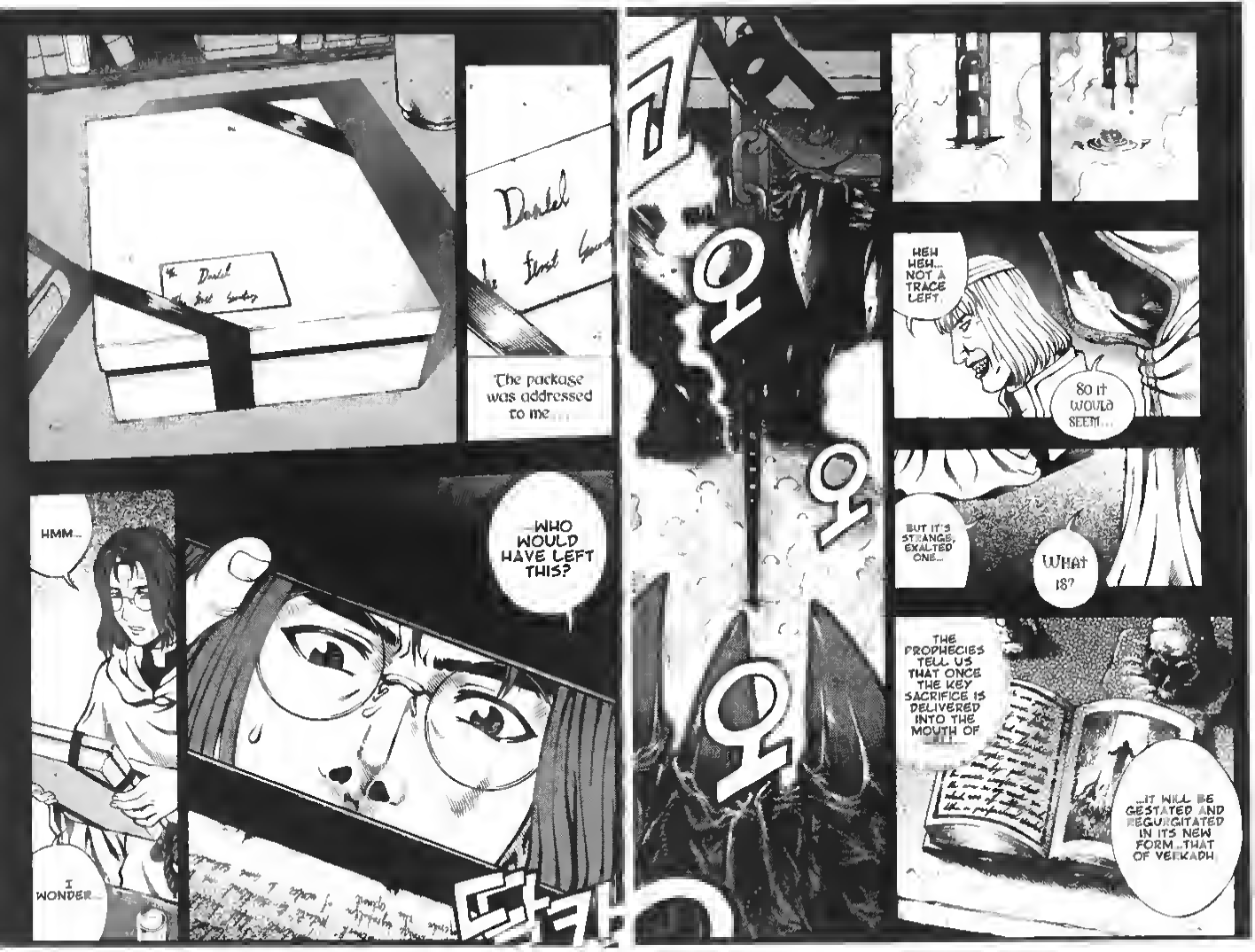
I...CURSE... YOU...DESH... WITAT...
FOR ALL ETERNITY...
...ACROSS THE AGES...
KAL!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DESH
I'M SORRY, LILITH
I'VE WOKEN YOU.
YOUR BODY IT'S SO... COLD
WHY DID I NEVER NOTICE BEFORE...?
EVEN THIS CLOSE TO THE FIREPLACE...
EVEN WHEN YOU HOLD ME CLOSE, YOUR BODY IS COLD.
WHY DID I NOT NOTICE...?
LILITH, I'M...

I'M SORRY FOR DECEIVING YOU
AND THAT YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH FROM...
DESH, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY SAID
BUT WHY? WHY WOULD YOU HIDE IT FROM ME?
DID YOU THINK I'D RUN SCREAMING BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU ARE?
I...JUST THOUGHT...
DON'T TURN AWAY LOOK AT ME, DESH!
LOOK INTO MY EYES!
DON'T YOU SEE?
IS IT NOT THE SAME FOR YOU?
DOES MY KNOWING YOUR SECRET CHANGE YOUR FEELINGS TOWARD ME?
YOU KNOW... I...
WHETHER A HUMAN OR A VAMPIRE... YOU ARE STILL YOU, DESHWITAT!

I LOVE YOU, DESHWITAT.
DEMON OR HUMAN...
MY HEART REMAINS YOURS.
OH... LILITH...!!

AND YET...
...IT SEEMS YOU DO NOT SHARE MY FEELINGS.
NO, LILITH!
THAT'S NOT IT!
NOTHING COULD BE MORE UNTRUE!
OH, DESH...
LILITH... ARE Y-YOU...?
YES, DESHWITAT
...I'M SURE.
WITH YOU...
...I'M SURE.

Sacred Knights' Command Post: Lenore Castle
RETT DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS WISE
QUIET. PADRE YOU SAID WE NEEDED YOUR JOURNAL DIDN'T YA
BESIDES, THEY'LL BE THINKIN' ONLY A BLOODY FOOL WOULD COME BACK HERE NOW
THEY'D NEVER EXPECT US TONIGHT
YOU WANT THAT BOOK...?
THEN IT'S NOW OR NEVER DANIEL
NOW, MOVE IT!
R-RIGHT...
I'LL STAND LOOKOUT, PADRE GRAB WHAT YOU NEED AND GO!
YES, RETT!
...EH?


Daniel
The package was addressed to me...
HMM...
I WONDER...
WHO WOULD HAVE LEFT THIS?
HEH HEH... NOT A TRACE LEFT.
SO IT WOULD SEEM...
BUT IT'S STRANGE, EXALTED ONE...
WHAT IS?
THE PROPHECIES TELL US THAT ONCE THE KEY SACRIFICE IS DELIVERED INTO THE MOUTH OF
...IT WILL BE GESTATED AND REGURGITATED IN ITS NEW FORM...THAT OF VEIKADH

AND YET THERE HAS BEEN NO OCCURRENCE OF ANY KIND
EXALTED ONE...IS SOMETHING WRONG?
HEH HEH...
HA HA HA HA HA!
WHY DO YOU LAUGH, EXALTED ONE?
THE PROPHECIES ?
REGURGITATED ?!
YOU WERE ALWAYS SUCH A FOOL JOSIMOV!
WHAT?!
BUT...I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
OF COURSE YOU DON'T
OPHEL, THE GOD YOU PRAY TO...
KKK
IS THE FIRST TO BETRAY YOU

ALTHOUGH I MUST ADMIT... AS DISGUISED AS YOU ARE, YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL.
AND NOT EVERYTHING WAS A LIE. IT'S JUST THAT YORKASH WILL NOT BE THE GOD YOU EXPECT
HARH! Y-YOU DECEIVER!!
PATHETIC
ONE MISCALCULATION AFTER ANOTHER, JOSIMOV
A-AH...

A WORD OF ADVICE. PACK YOUR BELONGINGS AND FLEE
WHA-?!
FATHER DANIEL NOW POSSESSES PROOF SLIGHTLY AFFIRM OF COURSE--OF YOUR COMPLICITY IN THE CONSPIRACY
I EXPECT IT WILL SOON BE YOUR TURN UPON THE GALLOWS.
DO TRY AND DIE WITH DIGNITY CARDINAL.
IT IS SURE TO BE RECORDED FOR POSTERITY. YOU WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY
... AS THE FOUNDER OF A CORRUPT AND FALSE RELIGIOUS SECT.
NO!! I'LL STOP THEM! I'LL KILL THEM ALL!
HEH HEH... THEN IT IS A RACE.
TO KILL... OR BE KILLED

I AM UNCONCERNED BY THE OUTCOME...
I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT I SET OUT TO DO
HA HA HA HA HA!!

WHAT?!
TH-THEN... THE WHOLE THING...
...WAS A SCHEME OF JOSIMOV'S?!
WELL, IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT'S IN THESE PAGES... THEN, YES, IT APPEARS SO.
AND THIS MORNING'S MOVEMENT BEARS IT OUT.
MOVEMENT? SACRED KNIGHTS?

UH HUH... JUST BEFORE SUNUP, RIGHT AFTER THEY ANNOUNCED OUR BOUNTY.
FUNNY THING IS, DESH...THE REWARD FOR YOU, ME AND LILITH IS ONE MILLION LIRA EACH.
THAT'S DAMN STEEP
BUT FOR DANIEL AND HIS JOURNAL... IT'S 10 MILLION LIRA.
OH MY!
10 MILLION?!
IT MAKES NO SENSE...

THINK ABOUT IT, DESH. WHY WOULD THEY PUT SUCH A BIG BOUNTY ON A SCRIBE?
THEY'VE EVEN NAMED HIS JOURNAL "THE DEVIL'S BOOK," TO INCITE THE MASSES.
AND CONSIDERING THE BLOODY GREAT FUSS THEY'RE MAKING...
I'D SAY THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THIS DOCUMENT HAS SOME TRUTH TO IT.
THEY KNOW WE HAVE IT...AND THEY WANT US FOUND.
OH...MY GOD!
IT CAN'T BE...
I'M AFRAID SO, DANIEL. IN 666 DAYS, KAL WILL BE REBORN AS A GOD...
...OR A MONSTER

I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING DESH BUT FORGET IT
WHATEVER THAT BLOKE IS HE'S TOO POWERFUL FOR US AND IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY FIND US
BESIDES...
...YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS.
BUT YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNEW THAT, RIGHT?
.....
FACE IT... WE'RE ON THE RUN NOW
DANIEL AND I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ACROSS THE BORDER
HOW 'BOUT YOU, DESH?
THERE IS AN OLD CASTLE— ONCE MY FAMILY'S
IF IT STILL STANDS...WE COULD STAY THERE FOR A WHILE
RIGHT, WE'RE OFF THEN FAREWELL MISS LILITH BE WELL.
WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY TO MAKE THE BORDER BY SUNSET

TAKE CARE, VAMPIRE
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YOU SAY WE RUN..
BUT ONLY FOR NOW, RIGHT?
EH?!
YOU'RE NOT LETTING THIS GO, ARE YOU?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T, RETT.
THEN WE'LL MEET IN 600 DAYS
MAYBE KAL WASN'T HUMAN. BUT WHATEVER HE WAS..
...WAS BETTER THAN WHAT HE'LL BECOME...

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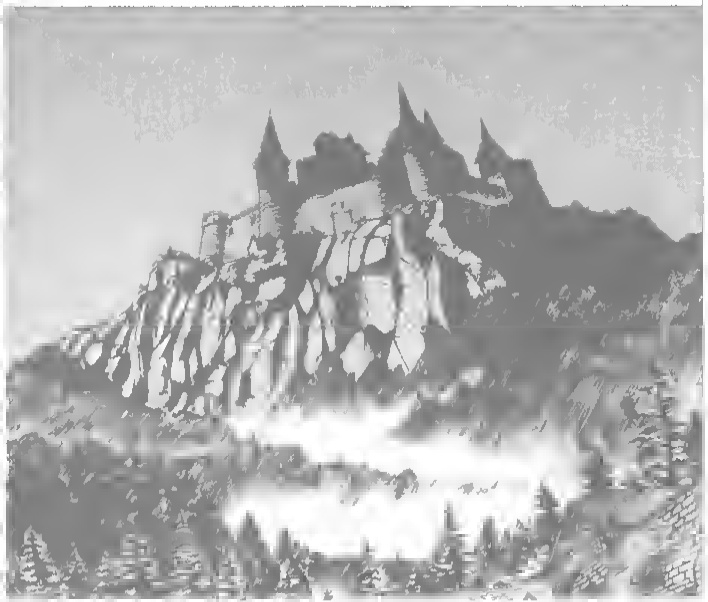

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